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## WINE PIONEER AT 90

*John Parducci reflects  
on a winemaking career  
spanning 7-plus decades*



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**John Parducci relaxes at the McNab Ridge Winery with his dog Natty Thursday. Parducci, a pioneer of the Mendocino County wine industry, will celebrate his 90th birthday Tuesday. At right, Parducci at age 17 carries a wine demi-john in 1935.**

By BEN BROWN  
The Daily Journal

When John Parducci celebrates his 90th birthday Tuesday he will celebrate more than just the passing of another year -- he will be honored for his career as a winemaker, a career that has spanned more than seven decades.

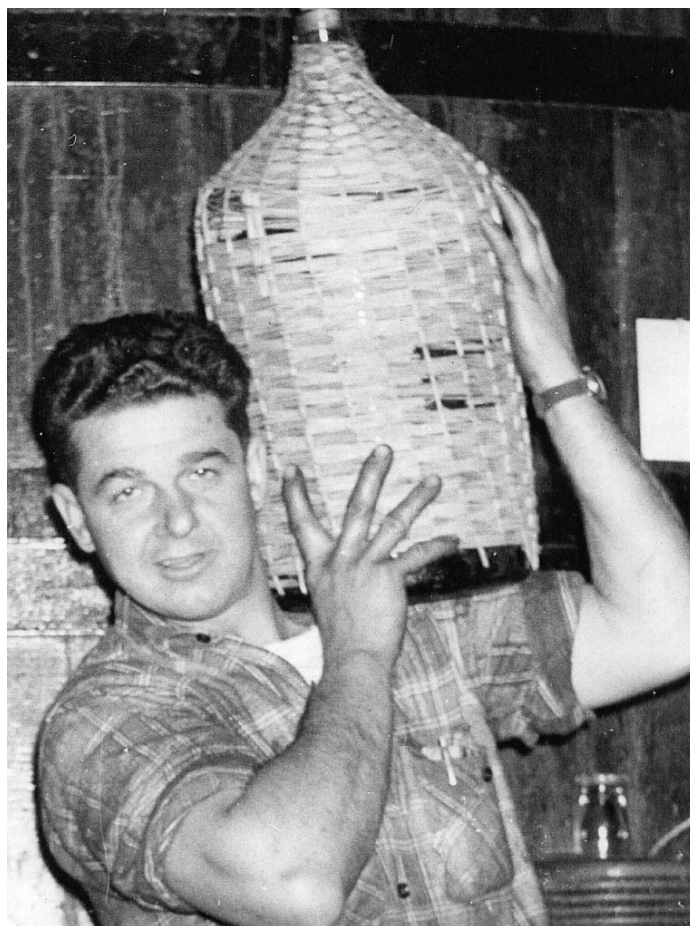
It has been a long and accomplished career that has included helping to plant the first varietal grapes in Mendocino County and marketing the first Mendocino County wine, helping to build the county's first winery, serving as a wine judge for nearly 30 years and winning more than a dozen awards for winemaking.

But for this veteran of the industry and father of two, grandfather of five and great-grandfather of eight, it has always been about family.

His grandson Rich Parducci now runs the family's McNab Ridge Winery.

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In 1932, at the age of 14, Parducci traveled alone to Hoboken, N.J., to sell his family's grapes to home winemakers during Prohibition.



## Blaze burns garage

Hopland structure filled with  
tools, vehicles a total loss

By ROB BURGESS  
The Daily Journal

A structure fire Saturday morning claimed a building outside of Hopland.

The approximately 20-foot by 40-foot garage/outbuilding was located at 5595 County Road 110, a representative of CalFire said.

Hopland Fire responded to the incident after the blaze was reported at 7:57 a.m. Saturday. It took crews approximately half-an-hour to arrive on scene because of the remoteness of the location, the representative said.

After extinguishing the blaze, the building was declared a total loss.

Ken Johnson, Hopland Fire chief, said there wasn't much volunteers were able to do once they arrived.

"By the time we got there it was engulfed," he said.

Johnson said the fire, which took only around 10 minutes to extinguish, claimed no lives, but did destroy some valuable property.

"There was a home nearby that was in good shape," he said. "The owner had 20 years of tools, a Harley and the truck he was rebuilding inside. He took a pretty big loss."

Johnson said the cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

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## New college trustee says she'll focus on student needs

By ZACK SAMPSEL  
The Daily Journal

For Verle Anderson, the new Mendocino Community College trustee for Area 2, the new position is not just an opportunity to help, but rather a chance to come full circle with the school she previously called home.

"As a former student I saw the classes offered, and I think that will help me understand my role, and to make sure we meet everyone's needs," she said.

Anderson was born in 1946, and has lived all of her life in the area. In addition to her Ukiah roots, she is also a Native American and a member of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, which is also the tribe her mother belonged to.

Anderson said she spent almost 30 years of her life working for Pacific Bell -- a job she said she enjoyed. But when the company offered her retirement in 1993, Anderson used the opportunity to enroll at Mendocino College as a re-entry student.

"I stayed there several semesters to improve my writing skills," she explained.

By 1997, Anderson had transferred to Sonoma State University, where she spent the next few years working toward a bachelor's degree in Anthropology -- something she said she found interesting. Anderson graduated in 1999 with her bachelor's, and since then she's never stopped learning.

"I am a question-asking person," she

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## Tobacco retailers, county in court Wednesday

The Daily Journal

The Alliance for Fairness in Tobacco Rules has taken Mendocino County to court a second time, saying the county is stalling on the release of documents and refusing to accept and decide on an administrative claim for monetary damages.

In October of last year, seven county retailers formed the group that also included 350 of their customers. The group then sued the county to overturn Ordinance No. 4135 (Code Chapter 6.20), a law that allows the county to

take away business licenses for up to three years when a clerk or employee unlawfully sells cigarettes to a minor.

The lawsuit contends the local law conflicts with state civil and criminal laws, making it invalid because it is pre-empted by state legislation. The group points to what it says are various constitutional defects in the ordinance, including procedural due process and wrongful taking of private property by such summary-ordered shutdowns.

Ukiah Superior Court Judge Richard

Henderson refused to stop enforcement or stay periods of suspension, telling merchants they have an "adequate remedy" in the form of monetary damages in the event the suspensions are found to be unlawful.

The group then filed a claim for business losses within the county.

Under the California Public Records Act, the AFTR also filed a request for documents showing enforcement patterns.

A court hearing has been set for 9 a.m. Wednesday in Fort Bragg.

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**Across From Friedman Bros.**



Woman hurt at shooting range

**The Daily Journal**  
A woman was accidentally shot at a shooting range on Cow Mountain around noon on Saturday.  
A representative from Ukiah Valley Fire District said the bullet ricocheted off a target before entering her shoulder.  
The victim was transported by CALSTAR for treatment of her injuries. Her condition was unknown at press time, and her name had not been released.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

**ARRESTED** -- A male juvenile, 17, of Ukiah, was arrested at 12:08 a.m. Friday at the corner of Walnut Avenue and North Bush Street on suspicion of leaving the scene of an accident, unlawful driving or taking of vehicle without the consent of the owner and violation of probation.

**ARRESTED** -- John Silver, 49, of Ukiah, was arrested at 6:21 p.m. Friday in the 1500 block of Lockwood Drive on suspicion of driving under the influence.

**ARRESTED** -- Amanda McLain, 29, of Bainbridge, N.Y., was arrested at 10:16 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of East Perkins Street on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

**DAILY 3:** night: 5, 1, 0.  
afternoon: 9, 3, 6.  
**FANTASY 5:** 6, 8, 22, 36, 39.  
**DAILY DERBY:** 1st Place: 07, Eureka.  
2nd Place: 09, Winning Spirit.  
3rd Place: 04, Big Ben.  
Race time: 1:40.66.  
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Jackpot: \$43 million.

The world briefly

Rep. Duncan Hunter drops out of GOP presidential race

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rep. Duncan Hunter is dropping out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination after a poor showing in the Nevada caucuses, his campaign said Saturday.

“We thought we’d do much better in Nevada, but the numbers weren’t there,” said campaign spokesman Bob Bevill. “We were not able to get any traction.”

In recent weeks Hunter, a San Diego-area congressman, was forced at every stop to dispel rumors that the campaign was already dead and was unable to talk about the issues, Bevill said. The best showing of Hunter’s campaign was in Wyoming’s Jan. 5 caucuses, in which he won 8 percent of the vote, finishing third behind Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson. “The media has a ‘vote someone off the island’ mentality and Duncan Hunter was a casualty of that,” said Bevill.

Hunter, a Vietnam veteran, was elected to Congress in 1980 as part of President Reagan’s sweep into power. He appealed to some conservatives by focusing on military issues and border security.

Hunter planned to officially withdraw from the race in a speech to supporters and campaign workers Saturday night in San Diego.

U.S., Afghan troops kill, wound more than 2 dozen Taliban in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. and Afghan troops killed or wounded more than two dozen Taliban fighters during a 21-hour battle in eastern Afghanistan that ended Saturday, military officials said.

The battle began Friday when U.S. and Afghan troops attacked a group of insurgents moving into position to attack a base in the eastern mountains of Kunar province, along the border with Pakistan, NATO’s International Security Assistance Force said.

U.S. and Afghan forces received intelligence earlier Friday that insurgents were planning a mass attack, it said in a statement.

Kunar province is one of the most violent in the country. U.S. troops stationed there are routinely attacked by Taliban fighters

and foreign insurgents allied with al-Qaida.  
The U.S. and Afghan troops used mortars, artillery and helicopters to repel the attack. Fighter aircraft also dropped precision-guided bombs, ISAF said.  
The mountainous terrain made it difficult to confirm the exact number of insurgent casualties but intelligence reports indicated that more than two dozen fighters were killed or wounded, ISAF said. No U.S. or Afghan forces were wounded or killed, and no civilian casualties were reported, it said.  
Fighting in Afghanistan typically falls off during the winter, but sporadic engagements still take place. Last year, U.S. forces in the east saw suspected Taliban fighters move over the border en masse, and warplanes killed or wounded 130 of them.  
Last year was Afghanistan’s most violent since the 2001 ouster of the Taliban from power. More than 6,500 people — mostly militants — died, according to an Associated Press count based on official figures.

If the world embraces nuclear energy, where will the deadly waste go?

BEAUMONT-HAGUE, France (AP) — Thousands of canisters of highly radioactive waste from the world’s most nuclear-energized nation lie, silent and deadly, beneath this jutting tip of Normandy. Above ground, cows graze and Atlantic waves crash into heather-covered hills.

The spent fuel, vitrified into blocks of black glass that will remain dangerous for thousands of years, is in “interim storage.” Like nearly all the world’s nuclear waste, it is still waiting for the long-term disposal solution that has eluded scientists and governments in the six decades since the atomic era began.

Industry officials hope renewed worldwide interest in nuclear energy will break a long, awkward silence surrounding nuclear waste. They want to revive momentum for scientific and political breakthroughs on waste that stalled after the accidents at Three Mile Island in 1979 and Chernobyl in 1986, which raised worldwide fears about radioactivity’s risks to human and planetary health.

So far, though, recent talk of a nuclear renaissance has focused on the “front end,” or reactor construction. Engineers are designing the next generation of reactors to be safer than today’s — and they’re being billed as a solution to global warming. Nuclear reactors do not emit carbon dioxide, blamed for heating the planet.

Few people have been talking about the “back end,” industry-speak for the hundreds of thousands of tons of waste that nuclear plants produce each year, and the lucrative, secretive business of storing it away.

Health firm purges its hospitals and clinics of drug company gifts

**By STEVE KARNOWSKI**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
MINNEAPOLIS — When a Duluth-based operator of hospitals and clinics purged the pens, notepads, coffee mugs and other promotional trinkets drug companies had given its doctors over the years, it took 20 shopping carts to haul the loot away.  
The operator, SMDC Health System, intends to ship the 18,718 items to the west African nation of Cameroon.  
The purge underscored SMDC’s decision to join the growing movement to ban gifts to doctors from drug companies.  
SMDC scoured its four hospitals and 17 clinics across northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin for clipboards, clocks, mouse pads, stuffed animals and other items decorated with logos for such drugs as Nexium, Vytorin and Lipitor.  
Trinkets, free samples, free food and drinks, free trips and other gifts have pervaded the medical profession, but observers say that’s starting to change.  
“We just decided for a lot of reasons we didn’t want to do that any longer,” Dr. Kenneth Irons, chief of community clinics for SMDC, said Friday.  
So SMDC put together a comprehensive conflict-of-interest policy that, among other things, limits access to its clinics by drug company representatives. Employees suggested the “Clean Sweep” trinket roundup, Irons said.  
Ken Johnson, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, had heard of hospitals and clinics banning promotional items before, but said SDMC’s purge was unprecedented.  
“I’ve never seen nor heard of a systematic roundup of pens and coffee mugs before,”

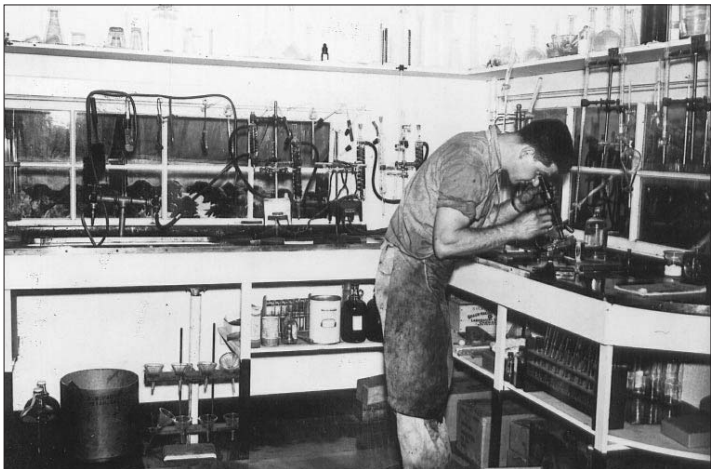
The backlash against the cozy relationships between doctors and drug makers gained steam from an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2006. It said research had shown that even cheap gifts can affect doctors’ prescribing decisions.

Johnson said. “It’s a bit draconian. But the onus is on us now to do a better job of explaining the job and the importance of marketing representatives. Unfortunately there are a lot of cynics in America who want to think the worst.”  
SDMC’s effort was motivated by a desire to show patients that its 450 doctors were serious about keeping prescription drug costs down and making unbiased medical decisions, Irons said.  
The backlash against the cozy relationships between doctors and drug makers gained steam from an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2006. It said research had shown that even cheap gifts, such as pens, can affect doctors’ prescribing decisions.  
The Prescription Project, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, was founded to promote the JAMA article’s recommendations for countering aggressive marketing to physicians by the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.  
Marcia Hams, assistant director of the project, said she too hadn’t heard of a roundup like SDMC’s, but hopes other health organizations follow its lead.  
“This seems like a pretty aggressive way to kick off a policy like that,” she said. “It sends an important message, I think, for how a strict policy can be implemented in an effective way.”  
Kaiser Permanente, the country’s largest HMO, Veterans Affairs hospitals and medical centers at several universities have recently adopted strict conflict-of-interest

policies, such as gift bans, Hams said.  
Many of SMDC’s items will be going to the health system of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, which has three hospitals, and several rural health centers.  
Irons said there shouldn’t be a conflict of interest in Cameroon because the advertised drugs aren’t available there.  
On the Net:  
SMDC Health System: <http://www.smdc.org>  
The Prescription Project: <http://www.prescriptionproject.org>  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America: <http://www.phrma.org>

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Photos provided courtesy of McNab Ridge Winery  
**John Parducci, above, in the lab, and on the bottling line, right. Both photos are from the early 1940s.**

## Parducci

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"He's doing what I used to do," Parducci said of his grandson. "It's going to carry on."

John was born Jan 22, 1918, in Preston, Calif., just outside Cloverdale, the oldest of four brothers.

By the time he graduated from Ukiah High School, he was already hard at work in the industry that would be his lifelong career.

In 1932, at the age of 14, Parducci traveled alone to Hoboken, N.J., to sell his family's grapes to home winemakers during Prohibition.

It was to be the start of a lifetime of traveling that Parducci still recalls with relish.

He traveled all over the country and overseas, selling the wine his family made in Mendocino County.

"Everyone knows me, all over the country," he said.

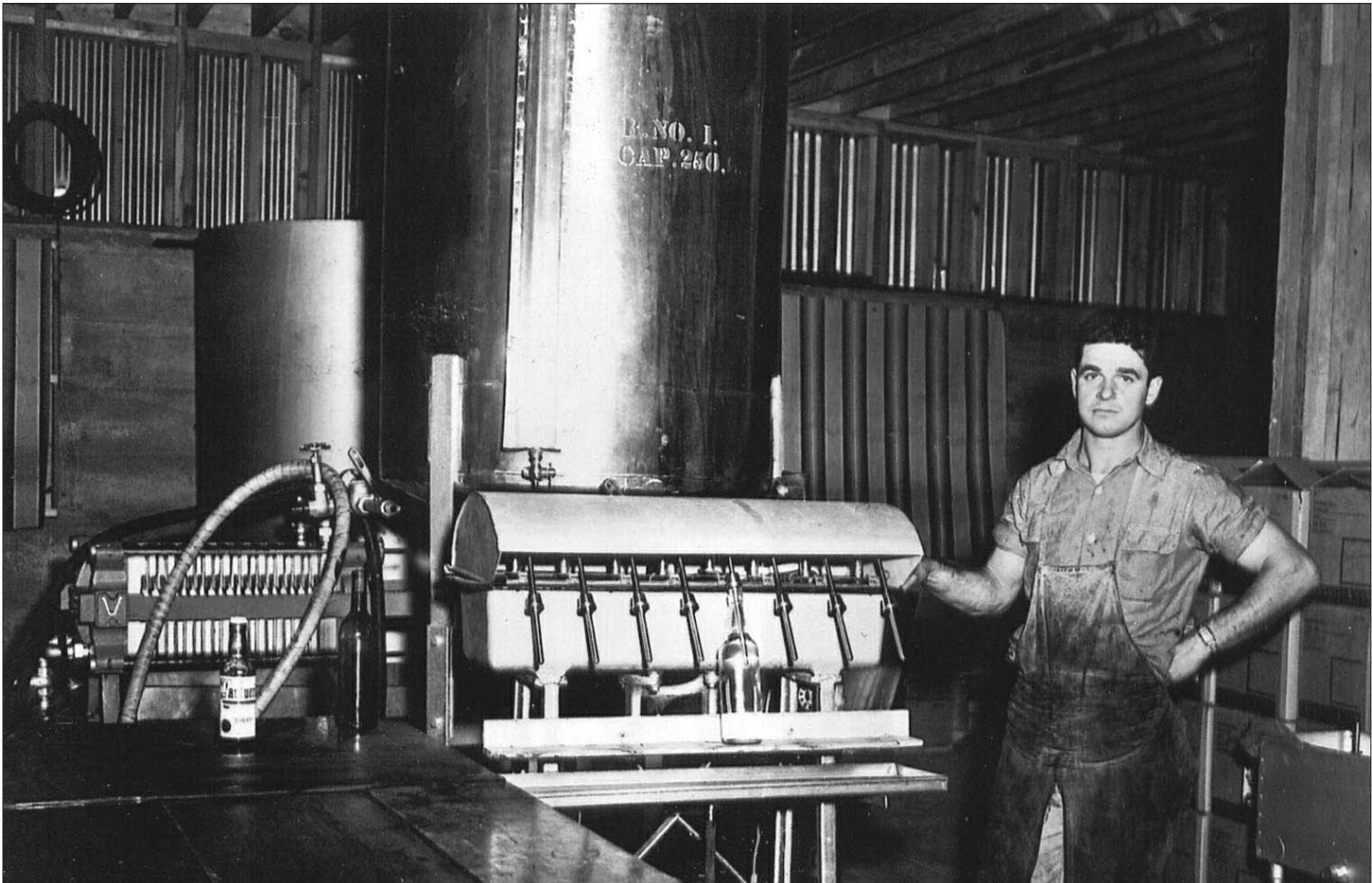
"I was the only winemaker who traveled," he said.

"Later, everyone and their dog was doing it."

No matter how far he roamed, Parducci always returned to Mendocino County in the fall.

"I stayed home during the harvest," he said. "We made the first varietal wines."

Parducci's wines were also the first with labels naming Mendocino County as their



place of origin.

Parducci also helped his family build Parducci Wine Cellars, the first winery in Mendocino County.

Working together, the brothers mixed their own concrete, made with gravel hauled from a nearby creek, and poured a wall, 12 feet high and 160 feet long, one

wheelbarrow load at a time.

"Every inch of that winery was built by hand," he said.

"There's a lot of history in the winery," Parducci said.

Parducci graduated from college prep classes at Ukiah Union High School and attended Santa Rosa Junior College, where he majored in languages and chemistry.

In 1937, Parducci married his wife, Margaret Louise Romer, and they remain married to this day.

Parducci said the quality of grapes and wine in Mendocino County has only improved in his lifetime and, if he had it to do over again, he would still choose to open a winery in the county.

In fact, in 1999, he did, buying the former Zellerbach Winery to open McNab Ridge Winery.

"Now Ricky's doing the traveling," Parducci said.

"Generation after generation, there aren't too many wineries have that," he said.

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## 25 years ago

**Thursday, Jan. 20, 1983**  
**Ukiah Daily Journal**

**CITY COUNCIL ZIPS THROUGH DIVERSE AGENDA.** Banging the gavel for the last time at a regular city council meeting, Mayor Kate Riley moved the council quickly through a diverse agenda.

Within an hour and a half, the council decided to move ahead with electrical upgrading of the Gobbi Street Substation, enacted a permit application for parades and other special events, adopted a long-standing planning model for the city and provided Ukiah with an underground emergency alert system.

The latter is a highly-praised statewide system. Whenever digging occurs in Ukiah from now on, the Underground Service Alert Center will be notified.

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**CUBS, SCOUTS WINNERS AT UKIAH'S BOWL-A-REE.** Larry Williams of the Webelos Den in Pack 46 Cub Scouts, Yokayo District, Boy Scouts of America, was the high point man recently when Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts held a "Bowl-a-Ree" at Yokayo Bowl in Ukiah.

Brent Larken of Pack 46 took second place; and the Pack 46 Webelos Den placed first place in all units.

## 50 years ago

**Monday, Jan. 20, 1958**  
**Ukiah Daily Journal**

**LAUNDRY SERVES 2,200 PATIENTS PLUS EMPLOYEES.** One of the most modern laundry plants in northern California is now operating at the Mendocino State hospital after additions and improvements totaling \$450,000 were recently completed.

The laundry now supplies services to 2,200 patients in addition to several hundred employees.

Here are a few impressive figures supplied by Dan Denham, laundry supervisor: about 220,000 pounds of laundry are

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**JODY MARTINEZ**

processed each month including about 60,000 sheets, 32,000 bath towels, 15,000 pillow cases, 12,000 hand towels and dish towels in addition to the three changes of clothing provided to each patient every week.

Laundering the employees uniforms is a large activity in itself. Each month 1200 white trousers, 300 coats, 1400 white shirts, and 700 women's uniforms are finished. Laundry service for personal clothing of employees is not provided by the hospital.

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**IDLERS' CAR CLUB SPONSORING 'DIMES' DANCE.** The Idlers Car Club, as an aid to the March of Dimes, will hold a dance Saturday night in the Home Economics building at the fairgrounds, from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Rhythm Kings are furnishing the music as their donation to the polio fund.

Admission will be by donation of 50 cents, and as much more as one cares to give.

The Idlers are a club of high school juniors, organized last June. They are to appear in the March of Dimes parade Wednesday.

There will be refreshments on sale, parking is free and three

uniformed officers will be on the grounds to keep order.

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The city of Ukiah accepted the bid of the Earl Fullerton Equipment Company, Ukiah, for \$4,114 for a 125 cubic foot air compressor.

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**STANDISH-HICKEY STATE PARK ACQUIRES LAND.** In the action of the State of California against Elizabeth Harris Carrigan, an undertaking in eminent domain, the final order and decree of condemnation was issued from the Superior court on Friday of last week by Judge Hale McCowen and payment to Elizabeth Carrigan of \$11,000 on deposit with the court was authorized.

The action by the state was for the purpose of obtaining land adjacent the Standish & Hickey State Park in the northern part of Mendocino county.

On the Redwood highway, south of Lane's Redwood Flat, the Standish & Hickey park has been exceeding its capacity and the park commission found it necessary to enlarge the facilities, so obtained the Carrigan land by condemnation proceedings.

## 100 years ago

**Friday, Jan. 17, 1908**  
**Dispatch-Democrat**

**BURGLARS AT WORK.** Last Saturday night an attempt was made to break in and rob the depot of the California Northwestern rail road depot in this city. The robbers were busily engaged in their work when the unexpected arrival of Mr. McCready, an employee at the station, scared them away before they could accomplish their purpose. They had broken a window in the office and had secured entrance to that department, but had not had time to get any plunder. It has been reported that a second attempt was made to rob the station on Wednesday night and the effort also failed.

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## ELUSIVE IMAGES PHOTO CONTEST



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PHOTOGRAPH?

If you can identify this photo (or would just like to guess) please write down what you think is pictured, specifically the location, and anything else you may know about the photo.

Include your name and a phone number where you can be reached if you win, and submit the information to us by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Send it to: Elusive Images Photo Contest,

Attn. Jody Martinez, Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482; fax to 468-3544; e-mail to udjdm@pacific.net or drop it off at our office at 590 S. School St.

All correct submissions will be entered into a drawing for a free copy of "Reflections: A Pictorial History of Inland Mendocino County, Volume II." Held-Poage

researcher Ed Bold, who came up with the idea for the contest and chooses many of the photos, will draw the winning entry.

The contest is not open to employees of The Daily Journal, Held-Poage volunteers or those who provided the photo for the contest, but everyone else is encouraged to enter.



# Schwarzenegger's infrastructure plan questioned

By DON THOMPSON  
Associated Press Writer  
SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says California has \$500 billion worth of public works needs and wants a fifth of the cost shared by private companies that would be able to profit through long-term operational contracts.

In his State of the State address this month, Schwarzenegger extolled the virtues of so-called public-private partnerships to build highways, bridges, transit systems and water projects in British Columbia.

"The political leaders are happy, business is happy, the public is happy, the economy is happy, the future is happy," Schwarzenegger said during his Jan. 8 speech.

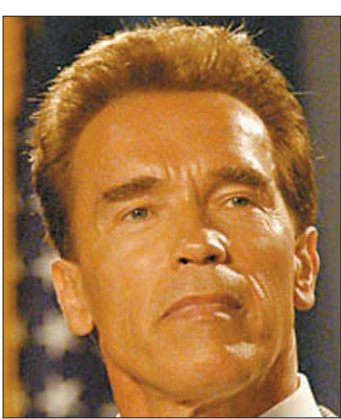
California taxpayers, he said, will benefit because such partnerships will save money and lead to quicker results.

In reality, the situation in Canada's far-western province is less rosy than Schwarzenegger portrays it, according to a review by The Associated Press.

In some cases, the partnerships have worked as intended and saved money. Others turned into a sour deal for taxpayers and a headache for government.

Multiple academic studies of Canada's experience with public-private partnerships have found that the benefits of private participation often are overstated while costs and delays are underestimated.

In general, the Canadian experience has shown "most governments will be doomed to repeat high contracting costs and poor outcomes. ... The reality that 'there are no free lunches' applies to (public-private partnerships) as



Schwarzenegger

much as it does to anything else," concluded an extensive survey of such projects published in 2006.

British Columbia's construction of a rapid transit system in Vancouver and a highway to Whistler, site of the 2010 Winter Olympics, are among the projects generating criticism.

Public-private partnerships differ from traditional government construction or service contracts with private businesses.

They allow private companies a financial stake in the outcome because they are investing their own money. Contracts often include financial incentives to encourage good performance.

In addition to construction costs, the company is generally responsible for maintaining and operating the project for decades in return for a profit.

Schwarzenegger contends that such partnerships can improve services, save taxpayer dollars and combine the strengths of government and the private sector. Projects can be completed "faster, better and cheaper," he said.

Schwarzenegger said a 12-mile, \$1.4 billion automated

rail line between Vancouver, Richmond and Vancouver International Airport will save Canadian taxpayers \$92 million and is ahead of schedule.

But an assessment by the Ottawa-based Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives found that project suffers from cost overruns and overly optimistic ridership estimates.

Schwarzenegger also highlighted the Sea-to-Sky Highway, a \$600 million project to build a 60-mile highway between Vancouver and Whistler. A private company is paying two-thirds of the cost, a partnership the governor said would produce \$131 million in benefits.

Marvin Shaffer, a public policy professor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, studied the project and arrived at a different conclusion. He estimated it will cost taxpayers more than \$220 million more than a traditionally procured and financed project.

They were among the projects Schwarzenegger cited in a document released by his office during his State of the State address.

A study of 10 Canadian projects by business professors Aiden R. Vining of Simon Fraser University and Anthony E. Boardman of the University of British Columbia found "that the potential benefits of (the public-private partnerships) are often outweighed by high contracting costs and opportunism."

Far from benefiting from private-sector efficiency, municipal, provincial or federal governments frequently wound up buying out their private partners or renegotiating the contracts, the professors found in a study published in

December 2006. In some cases, the contractor went bankrupt.

An updated version of their study, scheduled for publication this spring, reaches the same conclusions, Vining said in a telephone interview.

"The public partner and the private partner have different incentives, and the incentives conflict," he told The Associated Press. "The conflict costs can be very high."

For example, politicians want to hold down highway tolls for fear commuters will rebel, while a private operator wants to maximize profits.

Pierre J. Hamel, of the University of Quebec's National Institute for Scientific Research in Montreal, also studied public-private partnerships that have become common there since the mid-1990s.

Most, he said, have brought scant benefits over traditional public financing.

The projects often are sold as a way to "bring infrastructure almost for free, without any debt," Hamel said. "That's kind of an urban legend. Of course there is no debt, because you are engaged in paying a kind of rent."

Politicians prefer private financing to avoid tax increases and responsibility, Hamel said.

"It is much easier to say 'Just talk to your private company,'" if there is a problem, he said.

Long-term partnerships also can lock governments into current technology, Hamel said. For example, he said, no one knows what libraries or hospitals will look like in 30 years.

For Schwarzenegger, promoting such partnerships as a way to take care of

California's growing backlog of public works needs — from roads to schools to water projects — is natural. He successfully promoted a \$37.3 billion package of infrastructure projects in 2006 and has an unswerving faith in the private sector's ability to work efficiently.

He also praised the partnerships while touring France and British Columbia last spring.

Some of the Canadian projects his office promoted have indeed worked as intended. A \$15.5 million water treatment plant built by a private company appears to be a cost-saver for Canadian taxpayers.

Schwarzenegger also wants to create an infrastructure center in California. His aides say he would support public-private partnerships only if that center determined the arrangement would provide benefits beyond those of a traditional government contract.

The governor wants state lawmakers to pass legislation this year setting up the Performance-Based Infrastructure Center for Excellence.

"It's only an option," said David Crane, Schwarzenegger's special adviser for jobs and economic growth. "I don't know why you wouldn't want to have this arrow in your quiver. We want the best value and best service — that's it."

The administration projects private investment could be used to cover 15 percent to 20 percent of the \$500 billion worth of California projects over the next 20 years, a potential infusion of \$75 billion to \$100 billion.

Crane said such partnerships have worked well in Australia and the United

Kingdom.

In British Columbia, nearly \$5 billion worth of projects have been completed with private help the last five years. About 64 percent of that money has come from private sources.

"The ones that have been completed have been completed on schedule and on budget," said Larry Blain, chief executive of Partnerships British Columbia. "In every case, the PPP project has been cheaper."

Partnerships British Columbia, formed by the government, does its own cost-benefit analyses. Shaffer, the public policy professor at Simon Fraser University, said the formula is flawed because it underestimates government's ability to borrow money at low interest. Private investments often will carry a higher rate of interest.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a liberal think tank, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees say the formula also fails to account for delays and cost increases before a formal contract is signed with the private company.

"These things are dressed up to get their foot in the door and really create expectations that can't be lived up to," union president Paul Moist said. "In the long run, taxpayers are going to pay more for these things."

On the Net:  
Read about Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal: <http://gov.ca.gov>  
Partnerships British Columbia: <http://www.partnershipsbcc.ca>  
Canadian Union of Public Employees: <http://cupe.ca>

## White House chart shows 473 days of no e-mail, including some dates in CIA leak and Iraq probes

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Apparent gaps in White House e-mail archives coincide with dates in late 2003 and early 2004 when the administration was struggling to deal with the CIA leak investigation and the possibility of a congressional probe into Iraq intelligence failures.

The gaps — 473 days over a period of 20 months — are cited in a chart prepared by White House computer technicians and shared in September with the House Reform and Government Oversight Committee, which has been looking into reports of missing e-mail.

Among the times for which e-mail may not have been archived from Vice President Dick Cheney's office are four days in early October 2003, just as a federal probe was beginning into the leak of Valerie Plame's CIA identity, an inquiry that eventually

ensnared Cheney's chief of staff.

Contents of the chart — which the White House now disputes — were disclosed Thursday by Rep. Henry Waxman, a California Democrat who chairs the House committee, as he announced plans for a Feb. 15 hearing.

Waxman said he decided to release details from the White House-prepared chart after presidential spokesman Tony Fratto declared "we have absolutely no reason to believe that any e-mails are missing."

Among the periods of time for which the chart indicates e-mail is missing is a five-day span starting on Jan. 29, 2004, when the White House was dealing with the possibility of an election-year probe by Congress into Iraq intelligence failures.

Not archived by the office of the vice president is e-mail for Jan. 29-31, 2004, according to

chart information released by Waxman. In addition, all e-mail from the White House Office in the Executive Office of the President was listed as missing for one of those days.

The chart indicates that e-mail also was not archived by the White House on the following Monday — Feb. 2, 2004 — the day President Bush took a big step in averting what could have been a politically troublesome congressional inquiry. He ordered an independent investigation into intelligence failures in Iraq.

The president conferred that day with former chief weapons inspector David Kay, declaring, "I want to know all the facts."

The commission named by Bush reached a harsh verdict about the U.S. intelligence community's performance, but the panel stopped short of addressing the White House's use of the intelligence data to support the idea of war with Iraq.

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# McCain wins South Carolina; Romney wins Nevada

## Clinton, Obama share the spoils from Nevada

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

Sen. John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary Saturday night, avenging a bitter personal defeat in a bastion of conservatism and gaining ground in an unpredictable race for the Republican presidential nomination. Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in Nevada caucuses marred by late charges of dirty politics.

"We've got a long way to go," McCain told The Associated Press in an interview. The man whose campaign was left for dead six months ago quickly predicted that victory in the first southern primary would help him next week when Florida votes, and again on Feb. 5 when more than two dozen states hold primaries and caucuses.

"This is one step on a long journey," Clinton told cheering supporters in Las Vegas. She captured the popular vote, but Obama edged her out for national convention delegates at stake, taking 13 to her 12.

Obama issued a statement that said he had conducted an "honest, uplifting campaign ... that appealed to people's hopes instead of their fears."

If the Democrats had co-front-runners, the Republicans had none, and looked to South Carolina to begin winnowing an unwieldy field.

McCain defeated former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in a close race in the state that snuffed out his presidential hopes eight years ago. The Arizonan was gaining 33 percent of the vote to just under 30 percent for his closest rival.

"It just took us a while. That's all. Eight years is not a long time," McCain told the AP.

Appearing before supporters, Huckabee was a gracious loser, congratulating McCain for "running a civil and a good and a decent campaign."

Far from conceding defeat in the race, he added, "The process is far, far from over."

Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in a struggle for third place with about 16 percent, after saying he needed a strong showing to sustain his candidacy. Another Republican, California Rep. Duncan Hunter, dropped out even before the votes were tallied.

Interviews with South Carolina voters leaving their polling places indicated that McCain, an Arizona senator, and Huckabee were dividing the Republican vote evenly. As

was his custom, McCain was winning the votes of self-described independents.

South Carolina was the second half of a campaign double-header for Republicans.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney cruised to victory earlier in the day in the little-contested Nevada caucuses. Final returns showed him with more than 50 percent support in a multi-candidate field.

No matter the state, the economy was the top issue in all three races on the ballot.

Republicans in Nevada and South Carolina cited immigration as their second most-important concern. Among Democrats in Nevada, health care was the second most-important issue followed by the Iraq war, which has dominated the race for months.

With a black man and a woman as the leading contenders, the Democratic race was history in the making — and increasingly testy, as well.

Before the votes were tallied, Obama was critical of former President Clinton, telling reporters, "It's hard to say what his intentions are. But I will say that he seems to be making a habit of mischaracterizing what I say."

Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, issued a written statement accusing the Clinton campaign of "an entire week's worth of false, divisive attacks designed to mislead caucus-goers and discredit the caucus itself."

Clinton declined to comment on the allegation.

Whatever the hard feelings, she told supporters they would fade by the fall general election campaign. "We will all be united in November," she said, as the crowd chanted "HRC, HRC."

Her campaign issued a statement citing numerous reports of voter intimidation. It also accused UNITE HERE, a union supporting Obama, of running a radio commercial that was "one of the most scurrilous smears in recent memory." The ad, broadcast in Spanish, said Clinton "does not respect our people" and called her shameless.

Interviews with Democratic caucus-goers indicated that Clinton won about half the votes cast by whites, and two-thirds support from Hispanics, many members of a Culinary Workers Union that had endorsed Obama. He won about 80 percent of the black vote.

Overall, Clinton gained support from about 51 percent of caucus-goers. Obama had the backing of 45 percent, and John Edwards had 4 percent.

Obama had pinned his Nevada hopes on an outpouring of support from the 60,000-

member Culinary union. But it appeared that turnout was lighter than expected at nine caucuses established along the Las Vegas Strip, and some attending held signs reading, "I support my union. I support Hillary."

Democrats looked next to South Carolina to choose between Obama, the most viable black candidate in history, and Clinton, seeking to become the first woman president. The state is home to thousands of black voters, who are expected to comprise as much as half the Democratic electorate. After that, the race goes national on Feb. 5, with 1,678 national Democratic convention delegates at stake.

The split Democratic verdict in Nevada resulted from the proportional manner in which delegates were awarded. Obama emerged with one more

than Clinton because he ran strongly in rural areas.

Overall, Clinton leads the delegate race with 236, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Obama has a total of 136, and Edwards has 50.

Romney struck first on the day among the Republicans.

The former Massachusetts governor learned of his Nevada victory when his wife, Ann, announced it on the public address system of his chartered jet. "Keep 'em coming. Keep 'em coming," he said.

En route to Florida, he presented reporters with his ambitious economic stimulus plan, \$233 billion in all. It includes tax rebates as well as tax cuts for individuals and businesses.

Mormons gave Romney about half his votes. He is hoping to become the first member

of his faith to win the White House. Alone among the Republican contenders, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas aired television ads in Nevada. Paul was narrowly ahead of McCain for second place. Thompson and Huckabee trailed.

Romney also won at least 17 of the 31 Republican National Convention delegates at stake. McCain and Paul won at least four apiece, while Thompson and Huckabee each won two. Hunter and Rudy Giuliani each won one delegate — the first of the campaign for the former New York mayor.

In South Carolina, McCain won 19 delegates, to five for Huckabee.

Nevada offered more delegates — 31 versus 24 — but far less appeal to the Republican candidates than South Carolina, a primary that has gone to the party's eventual

nominee every four years since 1980. McCain was the front-runner at the dawn of the campaign, but his candidacy nearly unraveled last summer, with the Iraq War deeply unpopular and Republicans rejecting his position on immigration.

President Bush's shift in war strategy — which McCain had long urged — and less of an emphasis on immigration were essential to his recovery. The former Vietnam prisoner of war appealed to a large population of military veterans in South Carolina, and stressed his determination to rein in federal spending as he worked to avenge his bitter defeat from 2000.

Huckabee reached out to evangelical Christian voters, hoping to rebound from a string of disappointing showings since his victory in the Jan. 3 Iowa caucuses.

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Letters from our readers

Oil really is dumb

**To the Editor:**  
From WorldChanging.com: “In 1977 President Carter convinced the Democratic Congress to create the U.S. Department of Energy. Promoting the department’s recommendation to conserve energy, Carter wore sweaters, had solar panels installed on the roof of the White House, had a wood stove in his living quarters... Carter called for 20 percent of American energy to come from solar power by the year 2000, he even had very generous tax reductions implemented for people who installed solar panels at home. But the Reagan administration in the 1980s put a stop to that, the panels and all their symbolic power were torn down and the energy budget was curtailed by 90 percent... 25 years later people are slowly starting to understand how foolish Reagan’s gesture was...”

Looking back to those times in the ‘60s and ‘70s, we had a passionate faith in the future and accomplished much because of it. We stopped a war. We put civil rights into law. We shut down the building of new nuclear plants. We passed the Endangered Species Act, the (real) Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act -- every one of them now being chipped away by more foolishness from politicians.

A customer walked into my store recently and asked: “Have you heard of the website OilIsDumb.com?” I laughed and said no. Then I went on the website, saw some T-Shirts for sale, and then read the following: “We want to voice our opinion, which we share with many others -- that oil is no longer a sensible source of energy, and that our reliance on oil is causing problems. We also want to convey the message that now is the right time to switch to renewable forms. Oil Is Dumb supports efforts in energy conservation, efficiency, and development of renewable energy sources such as solar, geothermal, and wind.” I bought a T-Shirt.

Sprawl is based on cheap energy, and cheap energy will never be cheap again. It then behooves us to make decisions based on the reality of today and the immediate future, keeping farmland and industrial land zoned for that future, not the past. The Masonite Super Leakage Center project is based on Dumb Oil. Turning precious farmland into a huge housing project is based on Dumb Oil. The illusions based on the past, and the realities of the future are coming to a head right here in the Ukiah Valley. This will be the year we find out what our community really cares about.

Will we preserve our small village and agriculture-based economy? Or will we cave to the false blandishments of big-time developers? Will we finally begin emergency planning for the new world of renewable energy? Or will we become the next Santa Rosa nightmare up the 101 corridor?

In his song “Boomtown” Greg Brown sings: “Something interesting happened here long time ago, now where people used to live their lives, the restless come and go.”

Dave Smith  
Ukiah

Vehicle repair nightmare

**To the Editor:**  
I own a 2004 KIA hatchback. Love my vehicle. Bought it in Seattle, and have a problem with the rear defroster, (not working at all).

There are no KIA dealers around this area, so I took it to a NAPA dealer. Drove with a friend following in the pouring rain to bring me home as it had to stay all day. They, (the NAPA dealer) never touched my car, as they forgot they would have no KIA mechanic to work on this scheduled day. My friend and I went back to pick up my fixed vehicle to no avail.

Then I heard of a KIA dealer in

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ON EDITORIALS

Daily Journal editorials are written by Editor K.C. Meadows with the concurrence of Publisher Kevin McConnell.

In our opinion

Let’s hear about the B&G Club

We’re sad to hear that the Ukiah Boys & Girls Club is closing its doors and hope that it is, indeed, a temporary setback.

The Club began very modestly several years back and has grown to serve hundreds of children in our community.

The new Rorabaugh recreation center was its new home and last summer dozens upon dozens of children spent their days in the summer camp there, clearly enjoying the variety of activities the Club provided.

Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation are havens where local children can have supervised fun in a safe and secure atmosphere, where mentors provide guidance as well as entertainment.

Ukiah Valley residents have supported the local Boys & Girls Club largely through the

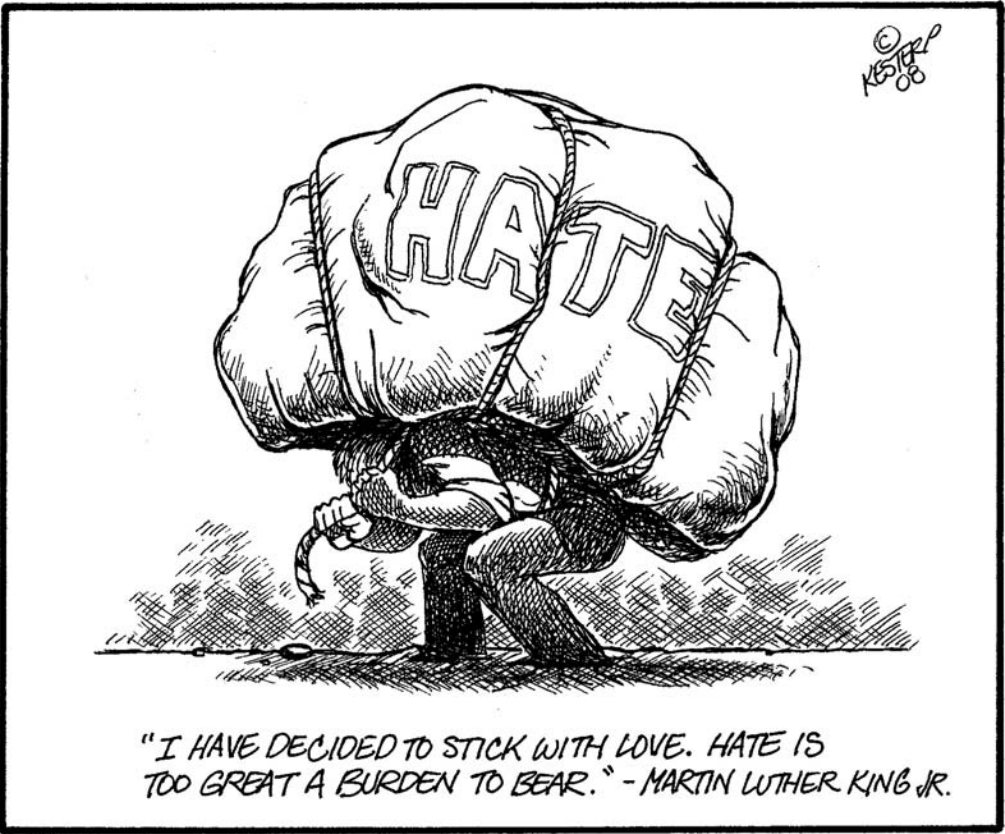
annual Chili Cookoff, which raises funds each year for the club. Apparently more needs to be done.

The next step, we believe, is for the Club to let the community know what its annual budget is, what that buys and what help it needs from the community.

And, we’d like to offer to let the community know why they should care.

If you’re a parent of, or a child who enjoys the Ukiah Boys & Girls Club activities, write to us here at the Daily Journal and share with the community why this organization is important to you and we’ll publish the letters in our regular Forum pages.

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Fairfield. Called and made an appointment with a man over the phone who listened to my story and promised me it would be fixed. Made another appointment with my friend to follow as again the vehicle had to stay all day. When we got there, the lady in charge of Saturday appointments checked the schedule and sure enough there was no appointment for me at all. She decided they could fit me in the hectic schedule on a Saturday morning, and after a lengthy conversation I left my KIA with them, to wait for the “it’s done” call. I wound up calling them as the time was drawing near for closing. They, of course, said “Oh, it’s been done, someone should have called you.” So, my KIA is under warranty, I had no charge for the work performed in an 8-hour period, but the next day with the windows all steamed up from the morning wetness, I excitedly turned on my defroster, you guessed it, the defroster still does not work.

Help! Anyone with a KIA -- where do you get good, dependable service in these parts? Please!

Richard Short  
Ukiah

Too many questions unanswered

**To the Editor:**  
Upon reading the article in Sunday’s UDJ, on deputy Gore’s “suicide,” and the alleged events that the sheriff’s department released regarding this tragic story, I was glad to see that I wasn’t the only one who sees something fishy, maybe some sort of cover up at the least with the account of

events that occurred.

My first question is, when the officer called in sick on one day, but didn’t show up at the next day, where was the need to bring in officers from both UPD and the sheriff’s department? If I were the landlord, without a warrant, I would not even consider putting myself in a position where I would have a lawsuit against me for allowing these officers in. Unless there is more to that part of the story that isn’t told, there isn’t even probable cause. How many people have jobs that their employer comes looking for them if they happen not to come to work, or call in sick the day after they had called in?

Regardless of any possible controversy that may shadow this troubled deputy, these officers claim that after they had entered the apartment, identified themselves, they heard what was either an explosion or a gunshot, they left the scene to wait for a robot to be brought in to make an assessment of the apartment. What if the deputy could have been saved? I know that there are certain procedures that the police are trained in to deal with in these situations, was it fear? Or was there another reason why they didn’t immediately go into the bedroom to investigate the gunshot they heard?

Perhaps because of the lack of specific details in this story, that’s the only reason why some questions come up, like was the gun that was used even deputy Gore’s ser-

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Assignment:Ukiah

By Tommy Wayne Kramer

Always protesting, Always outraged

There are some people out there who probably aren’t 100 percent stupid -- they write letters to the Daily Journal after all, which requires at least a pulse and some flickering frontal lobe activity -- but they sure have some stupid opinions.

Among the many, here’s a logic-defying example of what some locals have talked themselves and others into thinking is an actual “problem” in Ukiah: a guy at the south end of town wants to open a mini-mart, selling beer and wine of course, in the building that used to house the Moores’ Flour Mill. But the Local League of Stupid Activists wants the government to forbid him from selling alcohol

(The new store would be roughly 200 feet north of a bar, the Water Trough, which in turn is just north of Grace Hudson Elementary; my feeling is that school-children ought to be taken on field trips to places like the Water Trough so they can learn firsthand what these dark secret places hold inside.)

The fear that a mini mart selling drugs like beer and wine and cigarettes will degrade the quality of life for people living in the area is utterly foolish, because the area in question is Laws Avenue and its immediate surroundings. The only people who think Laws Avenue is some sort of drug and alcohol free utopia are people who’ve never been there.

If you bulldozed Laws Avenue and put in 28 mini-marts, with beer, cigarettes, slot machines and hookah bars in every one of them, it would be a net improvement. Laws Avenue between State Street and Dora Street is what is known as “affordable housing” by politicians and developers. You, me, and all our friends call it something else.

Do you actually think Laws Avenue would be corrupted by some shopkeeper selling beer around the corner? Don’t make me laugh. Scrape the drug-dealing gang-banging welfare-absorbing graffiti-smearers off Laws Avenue and then come talk to me about beer.

Then what about that elementary school near the new mini mart? Well, there are beer-purveying operations both north and south of Oak Manor Elementary. Do Oak Manor students develop a craving for Bud Lite and Winston Lights as the semesters wear on?

How about the West Side Market, standing over there on West Clay Street for the past 80 years? Has anyone studied whether substance abuse rates are higher at Trinity School than at other medium security boys’ prisons throughout the state?

What about you? When you take your kids to the grocery store do you carefully avoid the aisles where wine is displayed? Do you put bags over their heads when you go past the beer coolers?

So we think that if kids see signs advertising beer or wine or tobacco products the kids will later become substance abusers. People who think like that are stupid, even if they do work for Social Services, and even if they do write letters to the Daily Journal.

Because if it’s true that a neon Coors sign leads to problem drinking among teenagers then is the following also true?

- If we let our children watch Robin Williams’ movies they will grow up to be terrible comedians;
- If our kids play with toy guns as children they will turn into homicidal serial killers as adults;
- If they see Nancy Pelosi on Meet the Press they’ll become crazed, hysterical Botox abusers when they become elderly;
- If their parents take them to NASCAR events in Sonoma County at age 10, then when they’re teenagers they’ll steal dad’s Ford Taurus and lead police on a multi-state high-speed chase.

Those wanting to prevent some poor shopkeeper from opening a market and selling what thousands of other stores sell are the same bunch of loud, nasty old bullies typical of today’s modern political “activist.” They’re always wrong and they’re always outraged and they’re always hiding behind phony issues like children’s health.

I say we forcibly escort all of them to the Water Trough Bar and discuss the issue more fully. I’ll buy the first round.

Tommy Wayne Kramer lives in Ukiah with Tom Hine and dozens of other imaginary friends.

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## SUNDAY VOICES

## The key from Madagascar

Just before the Christmas holidays a few years ago, I had an assignment to photograph on the island of Madagascar. As a young boy I'd imagined Madagascar, along with Zanzibar, as one of the most exotic places on earth, a place "I wanted to go someday." But, no matter how fertile a boyhood imagination might be, the reality of an exotic place really is "unimaginable." When, as an adult, I arrived on the island on a late-night flight from Paris, the reality I found was nothing at all like the one I'd pictured it in my mind.

Madagascar, situated in the Indian Ocean off the coast of South Africa, is known as "the red island" for its bright red soil. Adding to the island's mystery are its best known inhabitants, the demonic-looking black-eyed lemurs that inhabit the island's jungles. But Madagascar's capital city has a mystery all its own. Each night, from the balcony outside my hotel room overlooking Antananarivo, I watched the sun hide itself behind the hills the city is built on. On top of the tallest hill was the ominous black silhouette of the towers of an ancient castle. Against that eerie backdrop could be heard the sound of hundreds, or thousands, of wild dogs howling all night long.

Madagascar is almost totally inhabited by Africans, called Malagasys, but there is a small population of foreigners from Europe and Asia, modern pirates that deal in the precious gem trade. And, the island is one of the few places on the planet where it is still possible to find buried treasure. I learned from my Lonely Planet Guide, that at the end of the 17th Century and the beginning of the next, the East Coast of Madagascar became the world headquarters for pirates. Once the trail of ships ferrying stolen booty from Central and South America through the Caribbean had slowed to a trickle, the pirates found their next lucrative hunting grounds at the southern tip of Africa. Madagascar was an ideal base from which to ambush trading ships sailing around the Cape of Good Hope between the Far East and Europe. The pirates, along with their men and slaves, set up bases along the coast, some of which became miniature kingdoms.

Many of the names of the pirates, mostly English, seem like they could've been signers of our Declaration of Independence: John Avery, William Kidd, Nathaniel North, Thomas White, David Williams, Thomas Tew - all innocent enough. But then, there was also John Plantain, Olivier Levasseur (La Buse) and a Captain Misson. At its peak, the population of pirates in Madagascar grew close to 1000. Frequently marrying local women, their children became known as Zana-Malata, mulattos. One gets the impression, seeing so many light-skinned Malagasys in the country today, that about one-third of the island population is descended from pirates. The thought of pirates reminds me of buried treasure chests, chests that could only be opened with a key.

My connection with the past began thusly: I had been dragging my feet up a long hill following a tiring day of photographing an excavation site, when one of my boots caught on something embed-

Sunday view  
BY TONY ANTHONY

ded in the baked earth. I stumbled forward but quickly regained my balance. When I glanced down for a second I noticed a shape that seemed oddly familiar. But since it was formed mostly of the hardened red dirt I was walking on, it didn't register immediately.

I was tired enough not to want to stop. It had been a scorching hot day and the message traveled slowly along the route from my eyes to my brain. By the time the shape registered in my brain I'd already walked 50 feet past. The decision to turn back was difficult because it meant I'd have to climb back up those 50 feet for a second time just to check out something that may or may not prove to be worth it.

I stopped to consider the situation. Looking back down the hill to where I thought the object was, I decided it would be worth the trip, if only for a possible souvenir. I was returning home in a few days and knew that having traveled to such an exotic place I would be expected to return with some treasure. With this thought in mind I headed back down the hill.

I found the object easily. It was indeed the shape of a key, but so well camouflaged by the dirt that it was caked in that I was amazed I'd even spotted it in the first place. I knelt down and began scratching the rock-hard dirt with my fingernail, tracing around the edges of the shape, something I'd watched archeologists do on television. When I was able to free it from the earth that had held it in place for centuries, I was surprised to find out it was an actual cast-iron key, completely intact. After scraping off some of the caked dirt against the leg of my pants, I dropped the key into one of the small pockets on the outside of my camera bag.

I struggled back up the hill considering each of the necessary steps it took to find the mysterious object. Had I not been so tired that I could hardly lift my feet, the soul of my boot would never have caught on the object in the first place. Also, had I not been so tired, I would not have been walking with my head down. Had my head not been down, my line of sight would never have crossed over the shape and thought it might possibly be worth exploring. Finally, there had to be a certain degree of curiosity gnawing at me, to make me willing to turn around and to walk back down the hill, if only to determine whether if I'd only imagined something, or if it was real.

Upon my return home following a stopover in Paris, I unpacked my luggage in the living room in front of my family. As I dug through my suitcase, with my audience eagerly anticipating a pirate's booty, I unearthed various treasures for my wife and sons. The prized gift was the hand-carved model of a pirate ship that I'd bought for \$15 in front of the train station in Antananarivo. It had miracu-

lously survived eighteen hours of flight time in a torn plastic bag. After relating the story of the pirates to my family, my son Evan commented excitedly, "maybe the ship has a curse on it!" His words sparked the thought of possible intrigue that the object may have carried with it.

After removing my film I put my camera bag back on the floor of the closet in my bedroom and forgot about the key.

It was months before I saw the camera bag again. The first time I picked it up was when I needed a camera to take some pictures for a family outing. Rummaging through its many hidden pockets, I touched something that felt like it didn't belong in the camera bag. While everything in the bag felt smooth and was made of either metal or plastic, what my fingers touched seemed oddly out of place. Once again the key was discovered! It seemed as if it was imbued with the magical ability to remain hidden, as it had for centuries. It had traveled, unnoticed even by hand searches by customs officials in both Madagascar and France, deep in the pocket of my camera bag.

When I pulled out the key, along with it returned all the intrigue of the island of Madagascar. Studying it anew, it felt as if it had a special value, not a monetary one, but a kind of personal value. It was imbued with an aura of mystery. After rediscovering it, this time I determined to keep it within sight and mind so I found it a home in an old wooden gift box.

I questioned what might the key be for? A key, I thought, used for opening things, mostly doors. Doors to houses and apartments but also to smaller, more precious places like cabinets and drawers where valuables or even secrets can be hidden. Keys can also be used to open treasure chests. Ah, that surely must be it, the key I'd found must certainly be the kind to fit a treasure chest!

On counter beside the desk where I write, sits the small wooden box with the key lying inside against a background of blue velvet. Because of its contents, the box is filled with mystery. Every so often I open the box just to have a look at the key and dream about returning to Madagascar in search of buried treasure. In my dream as I walk along a white sand beach beside a turquoise ocean I come upon a chest that the sea has partially uncovered. I imagine scraping off the sand from around the edges of the lid then I take the magical key from my pocket and fit it into the old brass lock. The lock opens with a turn of the key and lifting the cover the treasure is revealed. The chest is filled with gold "pieces of eight" and diamonds rubies and emeralds that sparkle in the sunlight for the first time in 500 years.

A boyhood wish, I suppose, contained in the mind of a grown man, which proves some of us, thankfully, never grow up. Regardless of our age or our job or our position in life, we all have wishes that we hope will come true someday. Somewhere there is hidden a key for each of us to find that will unlock our heart's desires. And, you don't have to travel to Madagascar to find it. The key to happiness is found much closer to home.

*Tony Anthony is a Ukiah resident.*

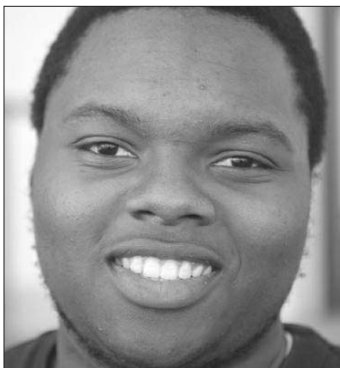
## ON THE STREETS

## How do you feel about eating meat from cloned animals?



**Onnie Scroggins**  
Retired  
Ukiah

"I don't think I'd eat it. I don't think it should be done ... It's not like God wanted it to be."



**Reggie Warren**  
Student  
Ukiah

"I have to say that my initial thought is that it's kind of disgusting."



**Suzanne Farris**  
Preschool teacher  
Ukiah

"I'm vegetarian. But if I did eat meat I wouldn't trust it. I'm not a scientist, but when we start messing with genes it can be dangerous."



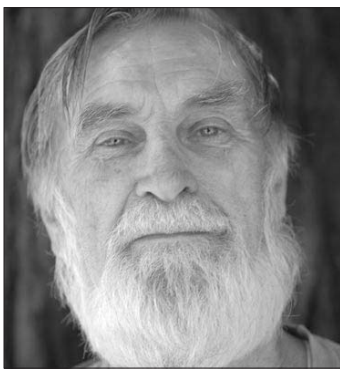
**Javier Guzman**  
Biology student  
Ukiah

"I would have to taste it. If it tastes good and doesn't have any negative affects I'm OK with it. And if they use it to save endangered species I'm for it."



**Phyllis Cupples**  
Caregiver  
Ukiah

"I don't like that idea at all. I think we have a right to know what's in our food. If they want to sell it without labeling it... That's wrong in my book."



**Marvin Gentz**  
Retired schoolteacher  
Ukiah

"I don't think the research has been adequate in making sure it's safe. And what's worse, Bush has stocked the FDA with corporate clones."

*Photos and interviews by MacLeod Pappidas at the Ukiah post office.*

## Letters

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vice arm? Why were there officers from two agencies involved? I think that more information needs to be released, if for no other reason, than to avoid looking like there was some sort of cover up.

My heart goes out to the families and friends of both deputies who had lost all hope and chose to take their own lives, as a parent of a son whom committed suicide I know how this sudden and tragic life changing event affects people, may God be with you and give you strength.

**Glenn Clutts**  
Potter Valley

## THANK YOU LETTER POLICY

Editor's note: The Daily Journal welcomes letters of thanks from organizations and individuals. However, thank you letters must be kept short. For that reason we have a 20-business name limit per letter. Those wishing to thank long lists of people and businesses are welcome to contact our advertising department for help with a thank you ad.

## Cell phone hysteria

Some years ago, there was an account in this space of a New York judge who, back in 1975, basically went off the deep end and ordered a deputy sheriff to place a mobile truck vendor under arrest for the "crime" of selling the judge a cup of bad coffee. That judge was later removed from the bench (and sued by the vendor for tens of thousands of dollars). And now there's a follow-up in this series of "When Judges Go Nuts," curiously also from New York State.

On March 11, 2005, Judge Robert Restaino was presiding over the Domestic Violence court in Niagara Falls. Judge Restaino had been on the bench since 1996, and by all accounts had been a competent and dedicated professional in that position. But on that March morning, at about 10 a.m., he became something quite different when what sounded like a cell phone rang in the back of the courtroom, which was packed with about 70 people, including nearly 50 who were defendants in various domestic violence cases on the judge's calendar, as well as attorneys, court personnel, bailiffs, and the like.

Of course, depending on one's perspective, cell phones are either one of the technological wonders of the new century or the most intrusive annoyance since transistor radios. Cell

Judicial follies  
BY FRANK ZOTTER

phones now disrupt not only courtrooms, but also classrooms, fancy restaurants, stage plays, and just standing in line at the bank or a grocery store.

And it particularly irritated Judge Restaino that day. Restaino addressed those in the courtroom: "Now, whoever owns the instrument that is ringing, bring it to me now or everybody could take a week in jail and please don't tell me I'm the only one that heard that. ... Everyone is going to jail; every single person is going to jail in this courtroom unless I get that instrument now. If anybody believes I'm kidding, ask some of the folks that have been here for a while. You are all going."

When no one 'fessed up, Restaino called a five-minute recess while court security attempted to locate the phone. An officer stood at the doorway to prevent anyone from leaving. Restaino then retook the bench, and when no phone had been found, he began to question

people individually. One defendant whose case the judge had been discussing when the phone rang (and thus could not have been the "offender") pointed out "I was up here [in front]." Restaino nevertheless revoked his bail and threatened to send him to jail along with everyone else.

Eventually, Restaino questioned 46 people for more than two hours about the ringing phone. When no one confessed, he sent them — every one — to jail. He ignored special circumstances cited by several, such as the possible loss of their jobs, a need to be go to school, scheduled medical appointments, and one defendant who needed to pick up a child. (Oddly, during the whole incident, he never questioned the lawyers or court employees, only the defendants.) Restaino then left for a scheduled tour of the local juvenile detention facility.

The 46 were processed by police at the city jail. Some still had bail from earlier court proceedings, and some were able to post bail that day, but 14 of them could not and so were processed into custody. While on the juvenile facility tour, Restaino received a call from his clerk about press inquiries regarding the incident. He told her he would be back to arrange the release of the defendants. When he got

back around 3, he ordered the remaining defendants to be released from custody, but some of the 14 were not let out until between 5 and 5:30 that day. The case eventually landed before New York's commission that oversees judicial conduct (or perhaps more accurately, misconduct). The Commission was outraged over the incident. While acknowledging that Restaino had had an unblemished record until that day, and that he had just "snapped" when the cell phone went off, the Commission found his behavior inexcusable.

The Commission called his actions "an egregious and unprecedented abuse of judicial power," and were especially disturbed that the whole charade was instituted because of a supposed breach of courtroom decorum. It quoted one of his diatribes against the 46 defendants about their supposed selfishness and then commented, "It is ... ironic that in repeatedly berating the 'selfish' and 'self-absorbed' individual who 'put their interests above everybody else's' and '[doesn't] care what happens to anybody,' [Restaino] failed to recognize that he was describing himself."

Over the dissent of one member, Restaino was removed from the bench.

*Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.*



LOCAL  
CALENDAR

This week:

- Tues., UHS boys basket- ball vs. Cardinal Newman. Freshmen @ 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and Varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., UHS girls basket- ball vs. Montgomery, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., UHS boys jv/varsity wrestling vs. Maria Carrillo and Piner, 5 p.m.
- Wed., Mendocino wom- ens' basketball @ Solano College @ 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., UHS boys bas- ketball @ Montgomery, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino womens' basketball vs. Contra Costa College @ 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Contra Costa @ 5:30 p.m.
- Fri, UHS girls basketball vs. Maria Carrillo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., UHS boys varsity wrestling in Wendy's Invitational @ 9 a.m.
- Sat., UHS boys basket- ball vs. Maria Carrillo @ Mendo, 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY  
DIGEST

Mendo-Lake Spikers  
Serve-A-Thon

The Mendo-Lake Spikers Volleyball Club invites members of the community to support areas girls, ages 10-18, in our annual Serve-A-Thon on Jan. 28th. Players are seeking pledges to raise money for the upcoming AAU club volleyball season. Pledges may be given per successful serve (out of 20 attempts) or simply for a flat donation. Any person or busi- ness interested in sponsoring a player or making a donation to our program may contact Ori Polkinghorne at opolky@hotmail.com or 463-0451. Mendo-Lake Spikers VBC is in its 4th year of existence, providing area girls with the opportunity to learn, train, and compete in the great game of volleyball.

Attention BAM  
Wrestlers:

BAM Wrestling Club has begun practice. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the wrestling room at Ukiah High School. Sign-ups continues through the month of January each night at practice. The cost is \$50.00 per wrestler or \$40.00 each for sibling.

UHS Boosters Meeting

The UHS Boosters Meeting will be held Monday, January, 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center, building A. If you would like to help with the Fall 2008 Fundraiser then please attend the meeting. There will be organizing and strategizing done at the meeting. All parents and community members welcome. Contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 for further information.

Mendo Rugby Club

The Mendocino Rugby Club is currently looking for players for the 2008 season which begins on January 26th. The team has begun practicing and practices are held on Wednesdays on the softball field at 5 p.m. All people are welcome with any experience level.

Youth Soccer League

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures. This is an open meeting for any- one to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our web- site uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

WARRIORS 119 | BULLS 111

Baron Davis matches career high with 40 points as Warriors beat Bulls

By RICK GANO  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Baron Davis was happy with the win and pleased to match his career high with 40 points. But the arena and its history made it even more special. “I did it in the United Center. That was sweet,” Davis said Friday night after leading Golden State past the Chicago Bulls, 119-111. “I scored 40 in the United Center,” he added. “I felt like (Michael) Jordan out there.” It’s been a long time since Jordan made 40-point games a norm. And the

team he once played for, the Bulls, aren’t close to what they once were. “The season’s not going well and everything looks bad right now,” said Chicago’s Andres Nocioni. The Bulls just couldn’t contain the quick-scoring Warriors, especially in the second half. With Davis making six 3-pointers — he was 5-for-5 in the third quarter — and Stephen Jackson scoring 12 of his 24 in the fourth quarter, the Warriors got the hard-earned road win with a strong finish. Ben Gordon led Chicago with 29 points and Nocioni added 28. “The first half our zone bothered

them a little bit and we were able to slow them down,” Gordon said. “In the second half, B.D. (Davis) made a lot of tough shots. He’s an All-Star caliber player.” Matt Barnes scored the go-ahead basket for Golden State, grabbing a loose ball as Nocioni tried to save it, putting the Warriors up 106-104 with just over two minutes to go. Joe Smith’s basket cut it to one before Jackson dropped in two free throws with 1:20 left, making it 109-106. After Gordon’s two free throws again made it a one-point game,

Jackson took a pass from Davis and made a 3-pointer from the deep corner, putting the Warriors up four with 46 seconds left. “Baron had a monster game and I just played off of him. He got me open shots and I was able to knock that one down in the fourth quarter when it counted,” Jackson said. Even after going just 7-for-27 in the second quarter, the Warriors felt their shots would start to fall and they did — just in time. They trailed by 12 in the third quarter before it began to click.

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UHS | BOYS’ BASKETBALL

JV Wildcats crush Lobos



Sarah Baldik/ The Daily Journal

Special to The Daily Journal

Ukiah’s J.V. boys basketball team continued their relentless roll toward an excellent season with an absolutely trampling of Elsie Allen, 82-30 on Friday night. The Wildcats who improved to 15-2 overall and 5-0 in the North Bay League (NBL), left no doubt that they were ready to play as at the 3:52 mark in the first quarter, they led 16-1. At the end of the first quarter, Ukiah J.V. head coach Jeff Silva-Brown emptied his bench. Even so, the Wildcats continued to build their enormous lead in the second quarter, going into halftime, leading 49-15. There was no let up in the second half

shown by the Wildcats. Coach Silva-Brown was pleased not with the blowout win but the effort, “The whole team played hard at both ends of the court for 32 minutes and everyone scored.” Leading scorers for the game for the Cats were Jesse Williams with 20 points, Edgar Perez with 13, Austin Ryan with 12 and Calen Schuller with nine points. Ukiah moves forward in their season looking to continue their undefeated play in NBL against Maria Carrillo on Saturday and then return home Tuesday to take on rival Cardinal Newman. Varsity Cats fall to Lobos The Wildcats varsity boys’ basketball team returned to the court on Friday

night after a rebound victory over Santa Rosa looking to continue that momen- tum against Elsie Allen. It was not to be as the Lobos cruised past Ukiah, 78-59. That score is some- what misleading, however, as the Wildcats held a one-point entering the fourth quarter in a show of just how hard they were playing. But from then on it was all Elsie Allen as they would not be denied the victory in their building. The Lobos countered with a 20-1 run and captured the victory. The Wildcats were led by Matt Gang’s 19 points and Brett Walker’s 18 points. “The kids played really hard and

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MENDOCINO | FOOTBALL

Eagle Football players earn scholarships

Special to The Daily Journal

Ukiah, CA – Five members of the 2007 Bay Valley Conference championship football team have earned scholarships and transferred to four-year colleges. Another member has given a verbal commitment for future attendance in the fall. Sophomores Steven Joachim, Drew Blundell, Nick Fross , Gary Miller and Greg Tompkins are enrolled for the spring semester at their respective schools. Joachim is attending the University of Memphis (NCAA DI-FBS). Joachim was a two-year all-conference selection at receiver and finished this season with 50 receptions for 627 yards and nine touchdowns. The University of Memphis competes in Conference USA and played in the New Orleans Bowl in December. Blundell, a 12-game starter on the offensive line, is

“Since my tenure began here at Mendocino College, we have made it a priority to prepare all student/athletes for the opportunity to earn an athletic scholarship to a four year university. These young men have done a great job and the entire college community should be proud of this accomplishment.”

-- Tom Gang

attending Quincy University (NAIA) located in Quincy, IL. Quincy University competes in the Mid-States Football Conference and finished this past season at 6-5. Fross is attending Minot State University (NAIA) in Minot, North Dakota and was a 21- game starter at center for the Eagles. Minot State competes in the Dakota Athletic Conference and finished this past season at 6-4. Tompkins is attending Charleston

University (NCAA DI-FCS), in Charleston, South Carolina. Tompkins had 54 tackles and three interceptions while play- ing safety for the Eagles. Charleston Southern finished 5-6 while competing in the Big South Conference. Miller is attending Bemidji State University (NCAA D-II) in Bemidji, Minnesota. Miller, who was all-confer- ence, had 58.5 total tackles and four sacks this past season while playing linebacker. Bemidji State University fin-

ished the season at 7-4 and competes the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Sophomore Jermaine Jacobs has given Portland State University (NCAA DI-FCS) a verbal commitment and will begin school there next fall. Jacobs had 34.5 total tackles and seven sacks and was selected as the conference defensive player of the year this past season. Portland State, which competes in the Big Sky Conference, finished the year at 3-8. “Since my tenure began here at Mendocino College, we have made it a priority to prepare all student/athletes for the opportunity to earn an ath- letic scholarship to a four year university. These young men have done a great job and the entire college community should be proud of this accomplishment,” Mendocino College Head Coach Tom Gang said.

MENDOCINO |

WOMENS’ BBALL  
Eagles soar to victory over Merritt

The Daily Journal

The Mendocino College womens’ basketball team continued their roll on Friday night as they soared past Merritt College by a final score of 80-59. The Eagles are tied atop the Bay Valley Conference standings with Solano College and will face Solano on Wednesday. In a physical contest, the Eagles came out strong in the first half and really ran their half-court offense well, adjusting to Merritt’s defense. It was so physical, in fact, that Mendocino guard Andrea Elliston took an elbow to the mouth early in the second half and had to sit. The Eagles dealt with the physicality well. They built a 43-24 lead at the break and came out in the second half without any thoughts of letting up. With Elliston out with an injury, reserves Passion Allen-LeNard and Latoya Zacarias came in and played stellar defense against Merritt’s 6’2” post player. Elliston left with 9 assists and five steals in a little over 20 minutes of action. The scoring for the Eagles was once again led by Amber Shepherd as she had 29 points. Meanwhile the other two sophomores had big games as well -- Katie Stiles added 19 points and Ashley Shepherd 16. “We got another one on the road,” said Mendocino head coach Jody Steliga. “Going against Solano College on Wednesday with be all about our preparation for the critical match up.” The Eagles will look to continue their undefeated league play and maintain their grip on first place in the BVC as they travel to Solano on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

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TENNIS | AUSTRALIAN OPEN

# High-5s for Federer, Hewitt, Blake at Australian Open

**By JOHN PYE**  
**Associated Press**

MELBOURNE, Australia — The drama started with a rare five-setter for Roger Federer. Then Lleyton Hewitt carried on almost to dawn.

Day 6 at the Australian Open was a long, long journey. About one-third of the 15,000 people with tickets for Saturday's night session didn't leave until Hewitt smacked a forehand past Marcos Baghdatis at 4:33 a.m. Sunday.

Federer needed 4 hours, 27-minutes to beat No. 49-ranked Janko Tipsarevic 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1), 5-7, 6-1, 10-8 in an extended afternoon match that pushed back the night session at least two hours.

Federer had won 30 straight sets at Melbourne Park since dropping the first in the 2006 final against Baghdatis. He had lost only six games in his first two matches this year.

"It's not such a relief — it's more happiness," Federer told the crowd at the Rod Laver Arena, where he has won three Australian titles including the last two. "I'm happy I could deliver a five-set thriller. It was good to be part of something like this."

Wedged between epic five-setters, Venus Williams finished off Sania Mirza in straight sets after declining an invitation to either postpone that match or move to Vodafone Arena, the other stadium with a roof at Melbourne Park.

So when Hewitt tossed the ball up for his first serve it was 11:47 p.m. — the latest start for a singles match at the Australian Open. He broke Baghdatis on his fifth match point 4:45 later to win 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

"Obviously, an incredible day of tennis," Hewitt said, sounding hoarse and tired. "I mean, for Roger Federer to go

five sets — how often does that happen?"

Hewitt jokes that his 2-year-old daughter, Mia, would be awake and ready to play when he got back to his apartment.

Hewitt next plays No. 3 Novak Djokovic, who ousted Sam Querrey 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 to leave James Blake as the best U.S. hope at the Open.

Blake rallied from two sets down and then a double-break in the fourth to beat veteran Frenchman Sebastian Grosjean 4-6, 2-6, 6-0, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

"That's got to be my biggest comeback," Blake said, referring to his second victory after nine straight losses in five-set matches. "Just seemed like every time there was a mountain to climb ... couldn't have been a better feeling than to accomplish what I did."

Federer said his five-setter would give him a good idea of where he stands as he bids to make an 11th consecutive Grand Slam final. A title would move him within one of Pete Sampras' record 14 majors.

"I don't have them often, except at Wimbledon against Nadal," said Federer, who needed every one of his personal best 39 aces to fend off the 2001 Australian Open junior champion. "So it's good."

In 35 majors, Federer is 9-4 in matches that have gone five sets. He's 2-3 at Melbourne Park three rounds into his ninth Australian Open. Overall, he's 11-10 in five-setters.

His last five-set match at Melbourne, a semifinal defeat to Marat Safin in 2005, broke up his titles in '04, '06 and '07.

Federer said he feared another early exit when he missed some chances, starting with a shot at serving for the first set at 5-3.

Tipsarevic went on the attack from

that point, stepping into Federer's serves and ripping winners off both sides.

"All the opportunities missed put me in a lot of pressure," Federer said. "I was back against the wall and I was playing a guy who's confident and believes in his chance. But I tried to sort of block that out when I entered the fifth set, and I was happy I really served well and didn't give him much opportunity."

Hewitt wasted chances, including a match point in the eighth game of the fourth set.

After letting a 5-1 lead slip in the fourth set, Hewitt ensured he'd pass the record for the latest finishing match at a major when he held for a 6-5 lead at 3:34 a.m. — the same time Italy's Andreas Seppi finished off Bobby Reynolds in a 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-3 match in the first round in Australia last year.

He broke Baghdatis twice in the fifth, the second after the Cypriot saved triple match point and was laughing almost deliriously with each.

"That's why I dream — for matches like this," Baghdatis said. "It's a pleasure ... even losing it."

He just missed becoming the first man at the Australian Open to beat three Grand Slam champions in consecutive rounds. He opened with wins over two former Australian champions — Thomas Johansson (2002) and Safin.

Hewitt ranked the win among his best in a career that includes U.S. Open and Wimbledon titles.

"Tonight is definitely up there," he said. "Marcos has beaten two Grand Slam winners in his first rounds. He hasn't had an easy draw to get through at all. He's a tough guy to finish off."

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## Chargers vs. Patriots: the key matchups

**By DAVE GOLDBERG**  
**Associated Press**

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Matchups for the AFC championship game between the San Diego Chargers and the New England Patriots on Sunday at Gillette Stadium: **When the Chargers have the ball**

A lot will depend on the health of QB Philip Rivers (17) and RB LaDainian Tomlinson (21). Both injured knees against Indianapolis and, while both say they expect to play, no one's sure what San Diego will get from them. TE Antonio Gates (85), with Tomlinson the Chargers' most important offensive weapon, will also be less than 100 percent after playing last week with a dislocated toe.

Tomlinson, the NFL's MVP last season, can more easily be replaced by the combination of Michael Turner (33), one of the best backup running backs around, and the explosive Darren Sproles (43), who scored last week in the 28-24 upset over the Colts on a 56-yard screen pass.

San Diego has also gotten a big lift from the development of WR Vincent Jackson (83), who combines with Chris Chambers (89) in a very athletic wide receiving corps. If Gates isn't 100 percent, the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Jackson provides a tight-end like target. If Rivers doesn't go, Billy Volek (7) is an experi-

enced backup in his eighth season who engineered the winning TD drive in Indy.

The Chargers could have success in the air, especially if Rivers can play. Jacksonville's David Garrard found holes in the New England secondary, especially to the outside, in last week's 31-20 Patriots win. Jackson and Gates are big enough to go over the relatively small defenders, all but ex-Charger Rodney Harrison (37), the strong safety, under 6 feet. Still, CB Asante Samuel (22) was an All-Pro this season with six interceptions, and Harrison, a former Charger, is one of the most aggressive and experienced safeties in the league.

Rivers was protected very well by the Chargers' offensive line, led by LT Marcus McNeill (73) and LG Kris Dielman (68). But he's not mobile when he's healthy and will be hampered even more by his knee problem. Look for more blitzes than usual from New England's 3-4 defense, especially from OLBs Mike Vrabel (50) and Adalius Thomas (96). DE Richard Seymour (93) has been one of the game's best DLs this decade but missed the first half of the season with a knee injury. Ty Warren (94) is an effective two-way DE and DT Vince Wilfork a premier run-stopper. The inside LBs, ex-Charger Junior Seau (55) and Tedy Bruschi (54), are well into their 30s, but use their experience well.

**When the Patriots have the ball**

It all starts with NFL MVP Tom Brady (16), who set a league record for touchdown passes with 50 throwing to Randy Moss (84), who set a record with 23 TD catches. If the defense double and triple-teams Moss, as Jacksonville did in limiting him to one catch last week, there is Wes Welker (83), Jabar Gaffney (10), Donte Stallworth (18) and TE Benjamin Watson (84), who had two TD catches last week against the Jaguars. The 5-foot-7 Welker tied for the league lead with 109 catches and is almost impossible to cover underneath when Moss is blanketed deep. Add in Kevin Faulk (33) as the pass-catching running back and Laurence Maroney (39), who rushed for 122 yards last week against the Jaguars, and it adds up to a record 589 points in the regular season, or almost 37 a game.

What makes the Patriots offense even harder is that Brady has a quick release and the offensive line, led by LT Matt Light (72), LG Logan Mankins (70), and C Dan Koppen (67) protects him extremely well, allowing just 21 sacks this season.

They will be under pressure this week from a San Diego defense that leads the NFL with a plus-24 turnover ratio and got two interceptions off Peyton Manning in the 28-24 win over Indianapolis last

## Warriors

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"We weren't making shots at all. But I felt like I was in a good groove coming out in the third," Davis said. "I hit my first two shots and I just wanted to be as aggressive as possible. It opened it up for us."

Golden State outscored the Bulls 35-27 in the fourth quarter.

Davis was 5-for-5 on 3-pointers in the third quarter, scoring 19 points in the period as the Warriors erased a 12-point deficit.

With Chicago ahead 69-57, Davis went to work, making a nice feed to Monta Ellis for a basket and then hitting two 3-pointers. Jackson hit another one and suddenly the Warriors were within three.

Davis connected on his fourth 3-pointer of the quarter, giving the Warriors a brief 79-78 lead. His fifth tied it at 84 headed into the final period.

Nocioni scored 18 points while playing only 12:48 in the first half. He had a three-point play and a 3-pointer during a 16-3 Chicago run starting the second quarter. The Warriors started the period by missing their first 14 field goal attempts as the Bulls raced to a 45-31 lead.

Davis converted a three-point play after a goaltending

call, then sank a 3-pointer as the Warriors cut the lead in half, making it 51-44 with about three minutes to go in the half.

Golden State shot 11-for-18 in the opening quarter but hit only 7-of-27 in the second and trailed 58-50 because the Bulls hit 63 percent in the first half.

Notes: Chicago starting point guard Kirk Hinrich missed his third straight game with a sore back and got a second opinion. Coach Jim Boylan said it was muscular in nature and the Bulls hoped to have Hinrich back shortly. ... Warriors backup F Austin Croshere sat out with a sore back. ... The Bulls are 1-1 since a reported verbal exchange between Joakim Noah and Ben Wallace following a lopsided loss in Orlando on Tuesday night.

**Warriors-Bulls, Box GOLDEN STATE (119)**

Jackson 6-17 9-9 24, Harrington 2-9 2-2 7, Biedrins 4-6 1-4 9, Davis 13-23 8-8 40, Ellis 10-19 3-4 23, Barnes 4-9 3-5 11, Azubuike 0-2 0-0 0, Pietrus 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 41-89 26-32 119.

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Deng 7-15 3-7 17, Smith 4-9 5-6 13, Wallace 3-5 1-6 7, Duhon 2-4 2-2 6, Sefolosha 4-11 1-1 9, Gordon 10-18 4-4

29, Nocioni 10-17 4-4 28, Noah 0-1 2-6 2, Thomas 0-0 0-0. Totals 40-80 22-36 111.

**Golden State 28**

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3-Point Goals—Golden State 11-29 (Davis 6-8, Jackson 3-7, Pietrus 1-2, Harrington 1-7, Azubuike 0-2, Barnes 0-3), Chicago 9-19 (Gordon 5-9, Nocioni 4-7, Duhon 0-1, Sefolosha 0-1, Wallace 0-1). Fouled Out—

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Southern California upsets No. 4 UCLA 72-63

By BETH HARRIS Associated Press LOS ANGELES — Southern California’s two freshmen were better than UCLA’s one.

Rookie Davon Jefferson scored a career-high 25 points and the more heralded O.J. Mayo added 16 as the Trojans upset the fourth-ranked Bruins 72-63 on Saturday, ending UCLA’s nine-game winning streak.

“My mom told me she had a dream — we won and I played well,” Jefferson said. “I didn’t know the game was over ’til the game was over. That’s how crazy this was.”

Josh Shipp led the Bruins with 21 points and freshman Kevin Love had 18 points and 12 rebounds, his ninth double-double in 18 games.

The Trojans won for just the third time in 13 games in Westwood.

“We were way too emotional,” said coach Ben Howland, who fell to 5-4 against USC. “We were so caught up and our emotions took over. We made some bad decisions. I can’t remember us ever being like that in the last few years.”

USC’s emotions were pure joy in front of 12,714 hostile fans. Mayo tossed the ball as high as the overhead scoreboard and jumped on teammate Daniel Hackett at the buzzer.

“It was a total team effort,” Hackett said. “It feels good to come and a get a win in what they call ‘The Cathedral.’”

Mayo and Love briefly embraced after the first of what could be just two meetings this season between two of the country’s best freshmen. Both are expected to leave school early for the NBA draft.

“I told him he had a great game and I’d see him at the Galen Center,” said Mayo, referring to the Feb. 17 crosstown rematch.

UCLA (16-2, 4-1 Pac-10) trailed early in the second half, went on a 20-7 run to take a 57-51 lead, then got outscored 21-6 over the final 6:18.

Jefferson scored 11 points in USC’s final push, including their last eight. Hackett had six and Mayo had a dunk.

“We shared the ball,” said USC coach Tim Floyd, 2-3 against UCLA. “Jefferson was terrific. Defensively, we played exceptional.”

Floyd borrowed from his old NBA play book, throwing different defensive schemes at the Bruins, including a triangle-and-2 that is part zone and part man-to-man.

“They outplayed us,” Howland said. “They’re a team that will be in the NCAA tournament.”

The Bruins went scoreless over the final 2 minutes, done in by missed shots and turnovers. The teams com-

bined for 33 turnovers.

Love missed a 3-pointer with 50 seconds left and Darren Collison turned the ball over on a bad pass with 38 seconds to go.

“It’s my job to calm everybody down and I didn’t do a good job of it,” Collison said.

The Trojans (11-6, 2-3) came in with no seniors and less experience, but they lead the Pac-10 in field goal percentage defense and held the Bruins to 33.3 percent, their worst outing of the season. USC shot 61 percent from the field and 71 percent from the free throw line.

“Players other than me did a great job,” Mayo said. “It was important to make sure everyone was rolling. That way we could keep intensity on the defensive end and on the boards. I just really wanted to win and make sure our guys were happy.”

Mayo didn’t score his first points until 4:19 was left in the first half when he made two free throws.

“He was very patient and let the game come to him,” Love said. “A lot of people give him a lot of grief for shooting so many shots, but today he played a team game.”

UCLA’s Luc Richard Mbah a Moute sustained a concussion in the first half and appeared briefly in the second half before leaving the game.

The Trojans started the second half strong, taking a 44-37 lead on seven points by Mayo and four by Jefferson. But the Bruins rallied with an 11-3 run to take their first lead of the half, 48-47, on a basket by Russell Westbrook off Love’s outlet pass.

A timeout was called and Love walked to the sideline and raised his arms, exhorting the fans who were already on their feet cheering. In the run, Love had a steal and Westbrook scored four points. USC’s lone basket came on a 3-pointer by Mayo over Love in front of the USC bench. Later, Love stole the ball from Mayo deep at USC’s end.

The two phenoms alternately scored on three consecutive possessions. Mayo’s fastbreak dunk tied the game at 57. Mostly though, Taj Gibson guarded Love and Westbrook defended Mayo.

The Trojans shot 59 percent from the field in the first half and still trailed 32-31. The Bruins shot 33 percent and blew all of an eight-point lead before James Keefe’s 3-pointer put them ahead going into halftime.

UCLA snapped an 11-11 tie with an 11-2 run, including four straight points by Collison, to take its largest lead, 22-13. Keefe scored on UCLA’s fourth shot attempt on one possession and Shipp capped the spurt with a 3-pointer.

half of the 16 regular-season games, he punted two or fewer times. Kicker Stephen Gostkowski replaced Adam Vinatieri when the league’s best clutch kicker was allowed to leave as a free agent at the start of the 2006 season.

The Chargers’ Nate Kaeding was 24-of-27 during the regular season this year. As a rookie in 2004, he missed a field goal that could have won a playoff game against the New York Jets.

Sproles has been a major weapon on special teams for the Chargers, returning both a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown in a regular-season win over the Colts.

Coaching

The matchup between Turner and New England’s Bill Belichick looks on paper to be a mismatch.

Belichick is the best coach this century, having won Super Bowls after the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons and led the Patriots to the first 16-0 regular season in NFL history this season.

Turner, one of the best offensive coordinators of the past two decades, was in a no-win situation when he was hired to succeed Marty Schottenheimer when the Chargers lost their first playoff game to the Patriots after going 14-2 in the regular season last year.

ZavecZ helps Wyoming beat San Diego State 65-49

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Hanna ZavecZ scored 21 points and No. 20 Wyoming extended its winning streak to 10 with a 65-49 victory over San Diego State on Saturday.

Jodi Bolerjack scored 11 points and Aubrey Vandiver finished with 10 for the Cowgirls (16-1, 4-0 Mountain West). ZavecZ also had seven rebounds.

Allison Duffy led San Diego State (9-7, 0-4) with 14 points.

Wyoming held the Aztecs scoreless for nearly 7 minutes to open the game, building a 13-0 lead. The Cowgirls led 20-2 before San Diego State went on a 9-2 run.

Wyoming closed out the half with a 15-7 surge to lead 37-18 at the break.

Wildcats

Continued from Page A-8 we’re really proud of them,” said Ukiah assistant head coach Dan Villotti. “We just let the defense lapse in the fourth quarter.”

Next up for the Wildcats is a game against Maria Carrillo at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Cats will once again be looking to rebound from a tough defeat.

Freshmen boys roll to another ‘W’

The Ukiah High freshmen improved to 11-4 and 4-1 in league with a 60-35 win over

the Lobos of Elsie Allen.

The Wildcats outscored the Lobos in each quarter and really controlled the pace to get the win.

Nate Henry dominated the floor for the Cats, posting a double-double with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Dan Eaquinto chipped in 17 points of his own.

Ukiah head coach Tim Conrad saw plenty of room for improvement despite the win, “We played just good enough to win, we’re going to have to play a whole lot smarter Saturday against Maria Carrillo.”

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Match-up

Continued from Page A-9 week. Antonio Cromartie (31) led the NFL with 10 regular-season interceptions and had another in the playoff win in Indianapolis last week. Linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips led the team with 12 1/2 and 8 1/2 sacks respectively. They are the keys to the 3-4 unit that is anchored by NT Jamal Williams and ends Igor Olshansky and Luis Castillo. The defense has been one of the main reasons for an eight-game winning streak. After a 5-5 start learning new schemes, the Chargers have turned it around under coach Norv Turner and defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell. In those eight wins, the Chargers have allowed 13.1 points a game compared to 21 during their 5-5 start.

Special teams

Ellis Hobbs ), a starting cornerback, had a 108-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on opening day against the Jets. But for the most part, New England’s special teams are more about playing it safe than breaking big runs.

Punter Chris Hanson was underworked, a reflection of New England’s offense. In

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Blythe	64/40/s	63/39/s	Pomona	62/43/s	57/39/c
Burbank	59/44/s	56/41/c	Potter Valley	48/31/pc	46/29/c
California City	58/35/s	49/18/c	Redding	49/32/c	46/30/c
Carpinteria	56/46/s	54/40/c	Riverside	57/40/s	53/37/c
Catalina	57/46/s	54/42/c	Sacramento	50/36/pc	50/35/c
Chico	52/34/pc	49/32/c	Salinas	54/39/pc	52/36/c
Crescent City	50/37/c	50/32/pc	San Bernardino	61/40/s	56/39/c
Death Valley	69/40/pc	63/33/c	San Diego	59/49/s	58/47/c
Downey	62/45/s	59/44/c	San Fernando	59/40/s	54/39/c
Encinitas	59/48/s	58/44/c	San Francisco	52/42/pc	50/40/c
Escondido	62/43/s	58/42/c	San Jose	54/40/pc	52/38/c
Eureka	49/35/c	48/29/pc	San Luis Obispo	55/36/pc	53/36/c
Fort Bragg	50/41/pc	49/32/c	San Rafael	52/38/pc	50/34/c
Fresno	54/36/pc	50/39/c	Santa Ana	60/47/s	57/45/c
Gilroy	55/37/pc	51/35/c	Santa Barbara	58/40/s	55/39/c
Indio	67/41/s	64/38/c	Santa Cruz	55/39/pc	52/38/c
Irvine	60/47/s	57/45/c	Santa Monica	60/46/s	56/45/c
Hollywood	61/44/s	57/44/c	Santa Rosa	52/35/pc	49/32/c
Lake Arrowhead	50/26/s	39/24/sn	S. Lake Tahoe	38/11/sn	28/9/sn
Lodi	53/37/pc	51/34/c	Stockton	53/37/pc	51/34/c
Lompoc	55/39/pc	56/37/c	Tahoe Valley	38/11/sn	28/9/sn
Long Beach	58/45/s	59/44/c	Torrance	61/47/s	58/44/c
Los Angeles	63/46/s	58/45/c	Vacaville	51/34/pc	50/33/c
Mammoth	37/12/s	28/16/sn	Vallejo	52/40/pc	51/32/c
Marysville	52/35/pc	49/33/c	Van Nuys	61/42/s	54/39/c
Modesto	53/36/pc	50/35/c	Visalia	54/35/s	52/39/c
Monrovia	61/42/s	56/43/c	Willits	47/30/pc	44/28/c
Monterey	52/40/pc	52/38/c	Yosemite Valley	49/23/pc	43/22/sn
Morro Bay	52/42/pc	52/39/c	Yreka	40/23/sn	34/14/pc

**Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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# CollegeCalifornia adds jobs but fails to keep pace with demand

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said. "I think I can help the college achieve its goals."

As the first Native American member of the board, Anderson isn't looking for congratulations and praise, but rather a chance to integrate her experiences with those of the board.

"I don't look at it as a native or non-native issue. All I think about is the students. That is my role and duty," she said. "When I saw diversity was one of the college's main goals, I knew I could be part of that. I think the college is recognizing the uniqueness that comes from our individual differences. I think I will recognize the needs of our diverse students."

Anderson was appointed to the board during its January meeting. According to Kathy Lehner, superintendent/president at Mendocino College, Anderson was chosen over four other applicants for the vacated Area 2 position.

Area 2 represents part of Ukiah, and was previously served by Larry MacLeitch, who stepped down in November after a clerical error at the Mendocino County Elections Office from 2005 came to light last summer.

Anderson's term with the board will last until November of 2009.

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**By ALEX VEIGA**  
**AP Business Writer**

LOS ANGELES — California payrolls gained 15,500 jobs last month but the growth failed to keep pace with the increasing number of people looking for work, state officials said Friday.

As a result, the unemployment rate jumped to 6.1 percent in December, compared to 5.6 percent in November and 4.8 percent in the year-ago period, the Employment Development Department said.

About 1.1 million Californians were looking for work last month, an increase of 88,000 from November and 255,000 from December 2006.

Stephen Levy, director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, said the increase in job seekers was the result of the growing work force, not job losses.

He said the state is well-positioned for long-term job growth, even though the "short-term outlook is much less positive and state and local government budgets will face great challenges during the next two years."

To combat rising unemployment, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed spending some \$29 billion in unallocated bond funds to generate jobs related to road and school construction and other infrastructure projects.

He also ordered state job assistance centers to extend their hours of operation.

"We will continue to identify other steps we can take to stimulate our economy," Schwarzenegger said in a statement.

Job growth has been slowing nationally for several months under the strain of the housing slump, rising energy costs and a credit crisis in the financial sector.

Total U.S. payrolls grew by just 18,000 last month, the smallest gain since August 2003.

More than 15.3 million people held payroll jobs in California last month.

A number of jobs were added in the educational and health services sector, which accounted for 5,900 new positions.

The construction and financial activities sectors, meanwhile, lost a combined 10,400 jobs.

December's job gains followed a revised gain of 2,700 jobs in November, the state said.

During the 12-month period ended in December, California gained 78,800 jobs, a 0.5 percent increase from the previous year. In 2006, payrolls grew by 1.7 percent.

Job growth in 2007 was the slowest since 2003, when payrolls declined by 0.4 percent, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

Last year, education and health services accounted for 55,400 new positions, the largest number during the period.

The construction sector posted the biggest decline, shedding 37,700 jobs, a 4 percent drop.

*On the Net:*  
California Employment Development Department: [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

### Safeway trucks switch to biodiesel as company greens operations

PLEASANTON (AP) — The nation's third-largest grocery chain is going green.

Pleasanton-based Safeway says its entire trucking fleet

now runs on biodiesel, a cleaner-burning fuel that can be made from plant oils and other renewable sources.

The company's more than 1,000 trucks will run on biodiesel made from soy or canola oil.

The switch to biodiesel is part of Safeway's campaign to make its operations more environmentally friendly.

The company is installing solar panels on two dozen of its California stores, using more energy-efficient lighting and refrigeration and buying electricity generated from wind farms.

**EPA turns over documents in Calif. greenhouse gas case**

SACRAMENTO — U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer says

the Environmental Protection Agency is refusing to explain why it rejected California's greenhouse gas regulations.

Boxer says the EPA gave her committee a box of documents on Friday in which numerous pages of the relevant documents were whited out.

She says the documents are missing information that she and other congressional Democrats have sought since the EPA denied California's request to apply a law that

would cut emissions from cars and trucks.

The documents came more than a week after deadlines set by Boxer and Congressman Henry Waxman. Both California lawmakers head committees that oversee the EPA.

Boxer last week threatened to subpoena the documents from the EPA.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Phoenix Certified hospice bereavement support groups set to begin Jan. 30**

The next Phoenix Certified Hospice Bereavement Support Groups will begin the end of January. Their Willits group will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will meet Wednesday evenings. Their Ukiah group will be held in the afternoons beginning on Thursday Jan. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will meet every Thursday for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the groups, however pre-registration is required due to limited group size. To register or request further information, contact Stephanie Gang at 456-3243.

**Alliance for Democracy invites input for its future Feb. 2.**

The Alliance for Democracy will hold a public gathering on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Fort Bragg at the Senior Center, 490 North Harold Street. Anyone interested in the Alliance's mission of restoring democracy and creating environmentally, socially and economically just communities is invited to attend this annual meeting to discuss the Alliance's future directions and activities.

It has been serving the coastal community by hosting monthly events featuring speakers, panel discussions, and movies on issues that impact the community, the nation and the world. This meeting is an opportunity for the Alliance to thank the community for its continued support and to invite community input and participation in the Alliance's future activities on the coast. New, ideas on how to build a sustainable, democratic community are welcome.

For more information, contact Toni Rizzo at 964-8689 or [toni@mcn.org](mailto:toni@mcn.org).

**See's Valentine Candy Sales set to begin Feb. 4**

Soroptimist International of Ukiah will be selling Sees Candy in front of Raley's Supermarket, at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Sales begin on Monday, Feb. 4, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Wednesday Feb. 13, or until sold out.

Soroptimist International of Ukiah is a non-profit organization that helps women and girls in the community and the world. For more information, call Penny at 391-5177.

**Potter Valley Garden Club to meet Feb. 6**

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1:30 p.m., Potter Valley Garden Club members will gather at the home of Joyce Thornton. They will celebrate a birthday, honoring past presidents.

Jean Near will present "Wool Growing from A to Z." Near is an authority on wool growing, as she has been raising sheep for over 30 years. The bloodline for her sheep goes back to Australia and New Zealand stock she obtained from the Hopland Field Station some years back. Near has Marino and

Marino-Cross with the Karakul breed, noted for its long staple suitable for the wool market.

Linda Stewart and Carol Hermsmeyer are hostesses for the day. For more information, call Linda at 743-1844 or Carol at 743-1137.

**Hospice of Ukiah announces grief recovery support group**

Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., a volunteer hospice, will offer an eight week series of support groups open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. This will be an opportunity for them to express feelings of loss and receive information for coping.

The groups will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 6 through March 26, at the Hospice of Ukiah, Inc. offices, located at 620 S. Dora St., suite 101. The series is offered free of charge. For more information, or to register, call 391 8013.

**Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis set for Feb. 9**

The 21st Annual Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis will be held on Saturday Feb. 9th at Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The Mendocino Wine Company Reception will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, belly dancers, and the display of live and silent auction items donated by local businesses. At 7 p.m., a Mediterranean dinner including Greek salad, rice pilaf, chicken kabobs or spanakopita, baklava and ravioli will be served by Zach's Catering. The live auction will begin at 8 p.m., and the silent auction closes at 9:30 p.m. when Rootstock will play dance music until midnight. The raffle drawing will occur at 11 p.m. for a grand prize of over \$2,000 of local goods and services.

The Event of the Heart is hosted by the Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network for the benefit for persons affected by HIV/HCV.

MCAVN provides HIV/HCV prevention and care services. Tickets for the dinner/dance are \$60; dance-only tickets are \$10. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. To reserve a place at the table, send a check to MCAVN, P. O. Box 1350, Ukiah, CA 95482, call 462-1932 or e-mail [info@mcavn.org](mailto:info@mcavn.org). Tickets are also available at Mendocino Book Company, Ukiah Natural Foods, and Leaves of Grass.

**Redwood Empire Lions Club to hold 35th annual crab feed on Feb. 10**

On February 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Redwood Empire Lions Club will be holding their 35th Annual Crab Feed at Carl Purdy Hall at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. The price of the meals will be \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 10 years and under. In addition to cracked crab, salad, beans and garlic bread, they will also be serving Julio's Spaghetti.

There will be a live auction and prize drawings during the event. All proceeds from this event will be used to serve those in need in the community. Meal and drawing tickets may be obtained by calling Marge at 463-2238 or Sandy at 621-2563. The Ukiah Fairgrounds are located at 1055 North State Street, Ukiah.

*Exploring the Web of Life  
with Kate Marianchild*

Photo by Jon Klein



Photo by Ron LeValley

*Species of the Month: Western Bluebird*

**WESTERN BLUEBIRDS** bring flashes of color to tree branches, fence posts, telephone wires, and grassy fields. They like open woodlands, edges of forests, hedgerows, native grasslands, and grazed fields.

- Bluebirds don't kiss under mistletoe (see last column), but it provides essential winter warmth and food. In winter, if you see a tree with a lot of mistletoe, there's a good chance you'll find the "owners" nearby—a family of bluebirds!
- Bluebirds spend the fall and winter in family groups of 7 or so. They bathe, forage, and sleep together. Whole families sometimes squeeze into one nest box or mistletoe clump.
- A family group consist of the parents, 1-2 sons from the summer's brood, and one or more daughters of another family. Frequently the sons and newcomer females end up getting hitched—their version of arranged marriage.
- The young adult birds in the family are "helpers" who often stay through the next spring and assist in raising the nestlings. The helping sons stick around partly to help themselves to the family fortune—mistletoe berries!
- Bluebird couples stay together so long they've been thought to be monogamous. Actually, both males and females get a little on the side. Someone other than the resident dad—often the guy next door—fathers one fifth of the babies.
- The guys with the brightest feathers are the best at preening away their feather bacteria. That makes them extra-popular with the girls, probably because they turn out to be the best providers. And those iridescent blue feathers? They're really brown. The blue is a trick of light!
- In addition to mistletoe, bluebirds also dine on berries of Elderberry, Juniper, Poison Oak, Toyon, and others. In summer they stop eating berries and dart around catching insects—mainly grasshoppers—and also caterpillars, beetles, ants, bees, and wasps. Even though bluebirds are related to robins, eating earthworms makes them sick.



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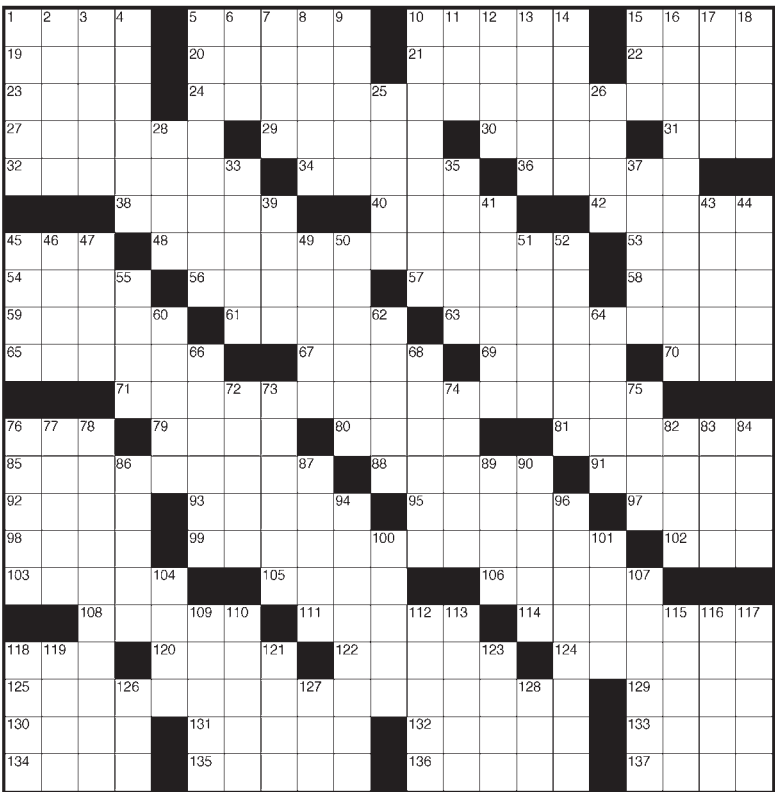
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By Robert Zimmerman

- ACROSS
- 1. Make pulpy
  - 5. Pagan religion
  - 10. Cards sharp
  - 15. Give off
  - 19. Wings of an insect
  - 20. Bitter drug
  - 21. Come to
  - 22. Pungency
  - 23. Port city in Latvia
  - 24. Start of a quip by Jackie Gleason: 3 wds.
  - 27. Disinclined
  - 29. Feature of some cakes
  - 30. Threshold
  - 31. Letters
  - 32. Quality-control employees
  - 34. Facing the pitcher: 2 wds.
  - 36. Darlings
  - 38. WWII summit venue
  - 40. — fixe
  - 42. Observes
  - 45. Mt. Olympus dweller
  - 48. Part 2 of quip: 3 wds.
  - 53. Greater
  - 54. Parched
  - 56. Dabchick
  - 57. Steps over a fence
  - 58. In a bit
  - 59. Memorize
  - 61. Enlighten
  - 63. Affected, theatrical quality
  - 65. Shining
  - 67. Kind of letter
  - 69. — — years (elderly)
  - 70. Visit
  - 71. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
  - 76. Venomous creature
  - 79. Novus —
  - 80. Cushy
  - 81. Interstellar cloud
  - 85. Museum contents
  - 88. Some academic examinations
  - 91. Rustic
  - 92. Olive genus
  - 93. Commemorative pillar
  - 95. Mountain ridge
  - 97. Bluefin
  - 98. Float
  - 99. Part 4 of quip: 2 wds.
  - 102. Upperclassman: abbr.
  - 103. Brought to bay
  - 105. Plant bristle
  - 106. Mass of metal
  - 108. Squeak
  - 111. Moreno and namesakes
  - 114. Fire opal
  - 118. Newt
  - 120. Song at the Met
  - 122. Third-century Scots
  - 124. Stinging plant
  - 125. End of the quip: 5 wds.
  - 129. Woody's boy
  - 130. Noble
  - 131. Jetsons' dog
  - 132. Beethoven's "Fur —"
  - 133. Pipe
  - 134. Coaster
  - 135. Mass of yarn
  - 136. Prevent
  - 137. Assassination date

- DOWN
- 1. Corday's victim
  - 2. — and well
  - 3. Venerable ones
  - 4. Substantial
  - 5. Saturate
  - 6. — — de-France
  - 7. Young equine
  - 8. Salsa queen — Cruz
  - 9. So far: 2 wds.
  - 10. Medieval campaigns
  - 11. A pronoun
  - 12. Diner sign
  - 13. Bitter
  - 14. Oarlock
  - 15. — tide
  - 16. Memorable events
  - 17. Particular
  - 18. Form of Esther
  - 25. Eye socket
  - 26. — Bator
  - 28. Box or bucket
  - 33. Rude look
  - 35. Part of a fairgrounds scene
  - 37. Type style
  - 39. Sleeping
  - 41. Newsroom VIP
  - 43. Jagged
  - 44. What fools lack
  - 45. Festival GALA
  - 46. Mount Hood's state: abbr.
  - 47. Control knob
  - 49. Tolerate
  - 50. Pertains
  - 51. Savannah animal with horns
  - 52. Territory
  - 55. A Barrymore
  - 60. Abraham's grandfather
  - 62. Popular Internet site
  - 64. Surmise
  - 66. Area of soggy ground
  - 68. Do PC maintenance, for short
  - 72. Bunker or Wharton
  - 73. Balloters
  - 74. Early video game console
  - 75. Border
  - 76. Leftward, at sea
  - 77. — plexus
  - 78. Old Roman district
  - 82. Wild ox
  - 83. Path
  - 84. Chester — Arthur
  - 86. Spud
  - 87. More foxy
  - 89. — Strauss & Co.
  - 90. Con game
  - 94. Verse sung in church
  - 96. Mastermind
  - 100. Holmes or Couric
  - 101. Pierce
  - 104. Campus VIP
  - 107. Japanese straw mat
  - 109. Fields
  - 110. Newsstand
  - 112. Hurt
  - 113. Ecclesiastical scarf
  - 115. Prized fiddle
  - 116. Kukla, Fran and —
  - 117. Trotsky and others
  - 118. Watches
  - 119. Unweaned horse
  - 121. Stake
  - 123. Accord with
  - 126. Moth-eaten
  - 127. Numerical prefix
  - 128. Compass pt.



Puzzle answers on the next page



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Monday, Jan. 21, 2008

Although you are an individual who needs large-group involvement as much as intimate encounters, you will seek out in the year ahead a small circle of friends more than you will take part in those large organizations.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Assignments or tasks that require immediate attention should be given priority over all other obligations, even if they disrupt your schedule. You will not have any peace of mind until they are out of the way.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- You don't need to be around a lot of people in order to satisfy your restless nature. In fact, spending time with a few special friends will produce greater excitement and stimulus than going to a big party.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Take the time to seek out a private place of your own away from the demands of the outside world. Plus, don't let habit or past conditioning control what you do right now. You need time to replenish yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- When you are around interesting people who say worthwhile things, do more listening than talking. You will easily retain what you learn from them, and have a number of good uses for the information.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- There is a strong chance you are identifying with what you value in the world, which is fine and good, unless you are focusing on things of the material world. In that case, you will get a false impression of life.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- One of your greatest assets is your ability to take charge of devel-

opments that are getting off track, which might be the case for you right now. You will find the right solution for the right job.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- You can best achieve important goals by operating in a manner that doesn't call too much attention to yourself. Quietly go about your business and you will be surprised at how much you can accomplish.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Your presence is in such demand because your cohorts sense that you genuinely care about them. Sincerity and kindness are the building blocks that form strong foundations for friendships.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Because you want everyone to have his or her say, you might hold back on making an important decision -- only to find out another has made it in your place. Don't wait until it is too late to have your way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- You may have had to undergo a painful experience in the past, but that ordeal will help you now to avoid a major mistake. Instead of cursing the hard lesson, you will be thankful for it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Your instincts may be a shade sharper than usual when it comes to handling business or commercial matters -- so don't ignore your perceptions or hunches. Use them as an adjunct to your logic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Diplomacy and tact can be your two greatest weapons when dealing with friends or relatives, especially if you are confronted with a testy situation. Build teamwork, not contention.

*Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.*

Datebook: Sunday, January 20, 2008

Today is the 20th day of 2008 and the 30th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1841, China ceded the island of Hong Kong to the British.

In 1885, La Marcus Thompson patented the first roller coaster.

In 1981, the Iran hostage crisis ended as 52

U.S. captives were released in Tehran, just after President Jimmy Carter left office.

In 1985, Israel began its lengthy phased withdrawal from Lebanon, keeping troops in a security zone in southern Lebanon.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** George Burns

(1896-1996), comedian; Federico Fellini (1920-1993), film director; Patricia Neal (1926-), actress, is 82; Buzz Aldrin (1930-), astronaut, is 78; David Lynch (1946-), director, is 62; Ahmir Thompson (1971-), musician, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1892, the first official basketball game was played in Springfield, Massachusetts. The two nine-man teams used a soccer ball and peach baskets.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense, it is the other way round. Human rights invented America." -- Jimmy Carter

**TODAY'S FACT:** Federico Fellini won four Best Foreign Film Oscars during his career, starting with one for "La Strada" (1954).

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Jan. 15) and full moon (Jan. 22).

And the award goes to ... 'Subprime'!

According to the American Dialect Society, the word of the year for 2007 was -- may I have the envelope please -- "Subprime!"

"Subprime" couldn't be here tonight, he's in Florida trying to sell a \$2 million condo he never got to move into for pennies on the dollar.

Accepting the award on his behalf is last year's word of the year, "plutoed."

"Thank you, thank you very much. It's good to be here tonight. Heck, it's good to be anywhere. Like most of you, I didn't even know there was such a thing as 'word of the year' until last year, when I was chosen over 'climate canary' and 'ED.' And let's hear a big round of applause for the 'Golden Globes' for giving us their timeslot this year.



Village Idiot

By Jim Mullen

Last year, as you remember, the 'Word of the Year' ceremony was on RFD-TV at 3 a.m. on a Sunday. The only person who watched the show was my mother, and she TiVo'd it.

"I also have to say winning the word of the year award hasn't done much for my career. Since becoming the word of the year in 2006, I've only been used 13 times, usually by people who write about words. If you don't believe me, you can Google

it."

If Pluto's not a planet anymore, "plutoing" is barely a word. It's not even in most spell-check programs. I hired an agent to help people understand the meaning of "plutoing," but he won't even return my calls. Seems my own agent still uses "downsizing." I've been plutoed off his client list.

His big new gravy train is the low-ercase letter "i." My former agent gets 15 percent every time some company decides to call a product iSomething. iToilet. Ka-ching! "I'm an iSchool graduate." Ka-ching! "Have you seen my iGlasses?" Ka-Ching! "iAye, Sir!" Ka-ching! He's making almost as much money off "i" as he did off the letter "e." E-mail, e-waste, e-mashed potatoes --

he gets an e-piece of it all.

"Please don't start the music yet, I have to thank a lot of people for making 'subprime' word of the year. I'm sure, if 'subprime' were here tonight, he would like to thank all the people that helped him become word of the year. He'd want to thank the bankers and mortgage companies for loaning people who can't afford \$3.50-per-gallon gas a big enough mortgage to buy a million-dollar house 40 miles from their jobs.

"It's that kind of non-traditional banking that takes imagination and daring. It's thinking outside the box. Way, way outside the box. You can't even see the box from where these loans were made, that's how far outside the box they are. And 'box' would be called 'jail' if we used the

words 'pyramid scheme' instead of 'subprime loan.'

"And of course, 'subprime' would like to thank all the little people, all the little people who thought buying a million-dollar house they couldn't afford was a sweet idea. 'Subprime' salutes you. He couldn't have done it without you. He'd also like to share this award with the runner-up words of the year, 'foreclosure,' 'bankruptcy,' 'write-offs' and 'bailouts,' and 'multi-million-dollar CEO severance packages.'

"Better luck next year, I'm sure you'll all still be in the competition."

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Telecom service bundles offer savings

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Many consumers feel bombarded with pitches to receive their cable TV, Internet and phone service from one provider. But don't dismiss them too quickly. Consumer Reports recently found that so-called bundles or triple-play packages might save enough money to be worth the disruption of switching some services.

And a new survey by the Consumer Reports' National Research Center finds it's not necessary to compromise service quality to buy a bundle. Subscribers to many companies were reasonably satisfied with all three of the most commonly bundled telecom services. Telephone companies, principally Verizon, continue to expand fiber-optic networks, which allow them to compete more easily with cable providers to offer a full array of telecom services, including TV and Internet.

Satellite-TV providers can't offer viable bundles alone, since satellite-based phone and Internet service is expensive and, for Internet access, also slow. But satellite providers are partnering with phone companies to create bundles comprising satellite TV, DSL Internet and landline phone service.

Verizon FiOS, whose net-

Consumer reports

work is fiber-optic based, received superior scores for reliability and performance for its Internet, television and telephone services. CR's next best choices for many households -- including the giant Cox and smaller companies Bright House and Wow -- are fine alternatives to Verizon FiOS if available.

For consumers who consider TV service paramount, but live in areas where Verizon FiOS is unavailable, CR experts recommend that they consider DirecTV. This satellite-TV provider scored significantly higher than all the major cable companies for TV service.

Here's what CR found from its survey on telecom bundles:

People can get a good deal. A bundling mainstay is the one-year, \$99-a-month package, typically made up of a premium level of TV service, standard-speed broadband Internet service and telephone service with a variety of calling features. Such deals could save up to hundreds of dollars a year compared to paying for the three services separately. However, bundling is less likely to save money for a consumer whose needs are simple -- say, basic TV, mini-

mum-broadband Internet and telephone service with little or no long-distance calling.

Bundles aren't yet tidy. For one, they're distinguished by a profusion of plans that can be hard to compare. For example, in one part of New York this fall, Verizon offered six bundles, four of them \$99-a-month deals, two of which appeared to be identical. CR found that Comcast was the best provider in spelling out what the fee would be after the promotional period.

HOW TO CHOOSE

Find out what's available. Most neighborhoods are wired for cable, and a small percentage of homes have two cable companies from which to choose. Satellite is generally available for homes with an unobstructed view of the horizon to the southwest. DSL is widely offered in urban and suburban neighborhoods. Fiber-optic service -- FiOS from Verizon and U-Verse from AT&T -- is spreading fast but is so far available to only about 8.5 million homes in about one-third of the states.

Consider installation and safety. Bundles are so complex that it pays to call carriers to ask about the total cost,

policies about dropping or changing services, and the post-promotion rate. CR found that on the phone, providers may also be open to haggling on installation and other costs.

When switching to cable-television service, which is Internet-based, consider spending about \$20 a month to retain basic landline service. A landline is more reliable for 911 calls and will continue to work in power outages with a phone that doesn't require AC power.

Haggle when the promotion ends. Don't blindly renew service at the end of the promotional period. Some promotional prices include premium features, such as additional TV channels, that are great at the outset but will leave customers paying more once the promotion ends. Some companies may automatically delete features, such as unlimited long distance, unless customers tell them they want to pay extra to keep them. Also, check competitors' prices for bundles and for unbundled services. Then consider haggling with them, too.

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Frugal Living  
By Sara Noel

An easier way to remove wallpaper

DEAR SARA: There is wallpaper in one area of the house, and that is the stairs to the downstairs family room. It's a small set of stairs, but the paper was peeling, so we want it off. We don't want to spend the money to rent a steamer, but we don't know what else to do because what we're using isn't working. This stuff is on there tough! Do you have any tips or tricks for removing wallpaper? -- Amy B., New Jersey

DEAR AMY: Look for a scoring tool called Paper Tiger. It has a flat handle and a razor blade. You run it over the wallpaper, and it scores it. As far as tips for removers, try either vinegar or fabric softener with hot water in a spray bottle. Spray it liberally on your wallpaper and let it soak. It will peel off. Any stubborn areas can be scraped off.

DEAR SARA: I just got a huge container of oats that I wanted to cook up with a touch of sugar and cinnamon or a little maple syrup. Is it possible to cook up a bunch in advance and leave it in the fridge for the week and just reheat some in the mornings, or will it get too rubbery or go bad? I want to start eating oatmeal daily, but without spending the 10 minutes to make the oats. Thanks! -- Jen, New Jersey

DEAR JEN: I would portion out your oatmeal and your stir-in ingredients into baggies or an airtight container for the week and microwave it versus cooking on the stovetop. If you don't want to use a microwave, you can make your own instant oatmeal by placing some old-fashioned oats into a food processor or blender, and pulse until the oats are powdery. Depending on how much oatmeal you eat, a starting point can be to combine a couple of tablespoons of the powdery oats and your stir-in ingredients, such as cinnamon and brown sugar, to 1/4 to 1/2 cup of regular oats, and store in plastic baggies. When you're ready to eat, place your "instant" mix into a bowl. You can then pour boiling water over it. The powdery oats help shorten the time it takes for the oatmeal to cook.

DEAR SARA: I hope this doesn't sound like a dumb question. I've stopped wasting money on kitchen sponges with the scrubby surface on one side. I cut up some old dishrags instead. It's better for the budget and the environment, and they don't harbor bacteria. But sometimes, when the pots are hard to scrub, I need something more abrasive. What can I use to cheaply scrub the pots and pans? -- Mari, Delaware

DEAR MARI: You can use baking soda to scrub. Try a paste with baking soda and dish liquid. You can use mesh bags from onions, aluminum foil and even pantyhose to scrub, too. Liquid and sheet fabric softener works well. Add a few squirts or a dryer sheet to your pan filled with hot water, and let it soak.

DEAR SARA: My daughter's birthday is coming up, and things have spiraled out of control! We have 26 kids attending. Usually, I spend \$3 to \$5 per goodie bag, but that is out of the question with so many kids. I need to keep it at \$2 max. We are using brown lunchbags that my daughters decorated with stampers. There will be both boys and girls at the party, ranging in age from 4 to 8. -- Karen, e-mail

DEAR KAREN: I know small toys are popular for goodie bags, but it seems like such a waste of money. I suggest the kids do a project that they can take home with them. One idea is to have them plant a bulb, seeds or plant. You could provide supplies to decorate the containers. You can also ask each guest to bring a new or used book, and do a book exchange at the party. You can then provide supplies to make homemade bookmarks. Another idea is to have the kids decorate cookies to bring home.

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'Golden' rules for precious metals

As the price of gold began to approach its all-time high, I started getting predictable questions: Should I invest in gold, and if so, how do I go about it?

Yes, gold belongs in your portfolio. And don't stop with gold -- include precious metals and minerals as well: silver, platinum, zinc and copper.

There are several ways to invest in gold. You can buy a mutual fund or exchange-traded fund that invests in gold-mining stocks and bullion (which is what we do for our clients), or you can buy the metal itself. You can purchase coins or wafers; gold bars are too heavy (and too expensive) for most people.

The most common coins are the American Eagle, Canadian Maple Leaf and South African Krugerrand. When you buy them, their cost is based on the current price of gold, which -- as of this writing -- is in the neighborhood of \$800 an ounce (despite the fact that the American Eagle is minted in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$25 and \$50). Expect to pay a premium when you buy the American Eagle, because the coins are very popular.

You might also consider rare coins. But you should view numismatics (study or collecting of money) as much of a hobby as you do an investment -- it requires a good deal of time and study to



Truth about money  
By Ric Edelman

know what you're doing. Locating a reputable dealer can be a big help.

With the purchase of any type of coin, you must be careful to store your investments in a safe place so they won't get lost or stolen, which is not a concern when you buy gold via mutual funds.

We often recommend that clients place 5 percent of their assets into natural resources, which not only includes gold, but also other precious metals, oil and gas, minerals and timber products -- a good diversification tool. However, do not buy gold simply because it's at -- or near -- its all-time high, or because you think (hope) that prices will rise further. Such an attitude is evidence that you're speculating, not investing. If you make a purchase based on current market prices, you're probably buying at the wrong time, and you're equally likely to sell at the wrong time.

TAX-FREE?

Be skeptical of people who promote

the benefits of owning gold. A recent caller to my radio show said a gold promoter had told him that investing in gold yielded tax-free profits.

That's true -- if you cheat!

Selling any investment for a profit creates taxes, and you must report profits on your tax return. This promoter, though, was alluding to the fact that transactions involving gold are anonymous; there is no automatic reporting to the Internal Revenue Service. (The IRS knows when you buy and sell securities such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds, but it isn't informed when you buy and sell gold.)

So when a coin dealer tells you that gold is tax-free, he's saying it with a wink, because it's tax-free only if you cheat on your tax return.

Not only are taxes due if you sell gold for a profit, the tax rate is higher than for profits on the sale of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Capital gains on registered securities are taxed at no more than 15 percent, while gold's tax rate is 28 percent -- almost twice as high.

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Chapter 7 may close the book

DEAR BRUCE: My husband and I are 74 and 75 years old, respectively. Five years ago, my husband lost his business after which I had five surgeries in two years. He did not believe in savings and as a result we are broke. We had some medical insurance; however, the cost of living in California and Nevada is high. Traveling and other expenses forced us to max our credit cards, and we were unable to pay them. Until that point, we had maintained excellent credit. We do not have any bank accounts, checking accounts, savings, pensions, stocks or other assets. Our vehicle is worth less than \$15,000, and our mobile home is worth, hopefully, \$25,000, although we do not own the land and pay \$530 to rent space (plus utilities). Our house is homesteaded, so can anyone put a lien on it.

Should we place the home in our children's names? We have a simple will that gives them whatever we have to split equally. We received some advice from a senior law project, and they sent letters to our creditors, explaining that we were on a fixed income, that our Social Security is \$1,600 combined and we are unable to pay these bills. Some creditors have served us with judgments; however, we were told not to worry. There certainly isn't a debtors' prison, nor can you get blood out of a stone. We were also advised not to file bankruptcy. I would appreciate your thoughts on this situation, as I am sure losing a lot of sleep. Are we in a lot of trouble? -- A.L., via e-mail



Smart Money  
By Bruce Williams

DEAR A.L.: I sympathize with your situation. You mentioned that you were advised not to go bankrupt, but it seems to me that, depending on the size of your credit-card bills and other things, technically you are bankrupt. You owe more than you have. It's unlikely your modest assets would be attached. You can forget about credit from this point forward.

For you to sleep better, Chapter 7 should be considered. It's not an expensive proposition. You will have to go to credit counseling, but having all of these debts removed will make you both feel better. I don't understand your husband "not believing in savings" and as a result you're broke. The reality is, you spent more than you had. At your age, I don't see any possibility of recovery. Good luck.

DEAR BRUCE: I am considering putting a large portion of my portfolio into short-term, triple-tax-free bonds, but I understand there is a portion that is taxable? Can you explain what that means? -- L.S., via e-mail

DEAR L.S.: Triple tax-free means that if the bond is properly purchased in

your state, there is no state, local or city tax on the interest. The portion that may be taxable depends on your income and other investments and may be subject to the alternate minimum tax. Before you buy the tax-frees, there are two things you should consider. First is the alternate minimum tax, and that would require a tax professional to figure out whether there would be some penalty because of your current situation. Second, one reason people buy tax-frees is that they are "guaranteed and insured."

While I believe the insurance companies are going to survive the subprime crisis, many of them are on the hook for billions of dollars for other investments that have gone south and they have to pay off. A lot of folks have rejected tax-frees on the basis of this insecurity from the insurance companies, which, in turn, has not had a good effect on the tax-free resales at the current time. Personally, I would not avoid them because of the insurance companies, but I most surely would have a competent tax professional (under the freeze that Congress has recently enacted) determine whether you will have an alternate-minimum-tax liability.

Send your questions to: Smart Money, P.O. Box 2095, Elfers, FL 34680. E-mail to: bruce@brucewilliams.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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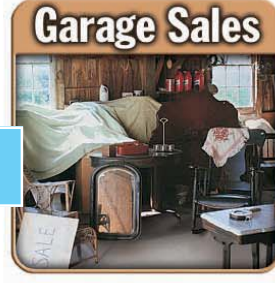
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

CASE NO.: SCUK CYPB '08 25149

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ALTA NEJUANA DAHLBERG, also known as ALTA N. DAHLBERG and ALTA DAHLBERG**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **MARY LITTLE** in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: **MARY LITTLE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the *Independent Administration of Estates Act*. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **FEBRUARY 1, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.** in Dept.: E, located at: **MENDOCINO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482**

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO OBTAIN COMMENT ON THE OCCASIONAL APPLICATION OF LARVICIDE IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

The Mendocino Partnership for the Precautionary Principle Provides an opportunity to participate in the decision making process pertaining to larval control as a preventive measure against West Nile Virus.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., staff of the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) will conduct a public workshop to review and discuss DEH's policy of larvicide application as a control of mosquito population. The workshop will be held in the Mendocino County Administrative Building Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA.

Information can be obtained by calling DEH at 707-463-4466. Written comments can be mailed to DEH, 501 Low Gap Rd. #1326, Ukiah, CA 95482, or e-mailed to morleyj@co.mendocino.ca.us. The public comment period will close 5:00 p.m. February 22, 2008.

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**ADOPTIONS & FOSTER CARE**  
**TLC Child & Family Services** seeks families. Reimbursement, training & professional support provided. 463-1100 #236800809

### 30 LOST & FOUND

Have you been out walking in the pear orchards in this beautiful weather? I was taking that walk on Ruddick/Cunningham on 1/17 and just enjoying the spring-like breeze in my hair. I am a male Cairn Terrier type and now I am in the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd. Do you recognize me? If so call Sage 467-6453 or I will be free to be adopted on 1/23.

I was cruising the parking lot of Walmart on Sat. 1/11, thinking I might be able to go in a shop for some special dog treats. Before I could bark out a, "Hey, stop it!" I was in the back of a police car and on my way to the shelter. The kind officer explained that a parking lot is a dangerous place for a dog, so now I am safe. I am a male Yellow Lab mix. Please come find me, at 298 Plant Rd or call Sage 467-6453

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO OBTAIN COMMENT ON THE OCCASIONAL APPLICATION OF LARVICIDE IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

The Mendocino Partnership for the Precautionary Principle Provides an opportunity to participate in the decision making process pertaining to larval control as a preventive measure against West Nile Virus.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., staff of the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) will conduct a public workshop to review and discuss DEH's policy of larvicide application as a control of mosquito population. The workshop will be held in the Mendocino County Administrative Building Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA.

Information can be obtained by calling DEH at 707-463-4466. Written comments can be mailed to DEH, 501 Low Gap Rd. #1326, Ukiah, CA 95482, or e-mailed to morleyj@co.mendocino.ca.us. The public comment period will close 5:00 p.m. February 22, 2008.

### 10 NOTICES

**ADOPTIONS & FOSTER CARE**  
**TLC Child & Family Services** seeks families. Reimbursement, training & professional support provided. 463-1100 #236800809

### 30 LOST & FOUND

Have you been out walking in the pear orchards in this beautiful weather? I was taking that walk on Ruddick/Cunningham on 1/17 and just enjoying the spring-like breeze in my hair. I am a male Cairn Terrier type and now I am in the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd. Do you recognize me? If so call Sage 467-6453 or I will be free to be adopted on 1/23.

I was cruising the parking lot of Walmart on Sat. 1/11, thinking I might be able to go in a shop for some special dog treats. Before I could bark out a, "Hey, stop it!" I was in the back of a police car and on my way to the shelter. The kind officer explained that a parking lot is a dangerous place for a dog, so now I am safe. I am a male Yellow Lab mix. Please come find me, at 298 Plant Rd or call Sage 467-6453

### 30 LOST & FOUND

My family was moving, so they went to U-Haul Rental on N. State, but when they drove out they left me behind. Did they not notice I was missing? Or did they not care? I am just two months old and a very cute female B&W puppy. If they do not come and claim me at the Ukiah shelter 298 Plant Rd I will be available for adoption on Mon. 1/14. Please call Sage 467-6453.

### 120 HELP WANTED

**ADMIN ASSISTANT**  
 Performs variety of management and clerical work. 3yrs. experience. Type 50 wpm. email: hr@hop-landtribe.com or call 707-744-1647 x 1343

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**  
 Assistant with Mendocino Land Trust. See full job description at: [www.mendocinolandtrust.org](http://www.mendocinolandtrust.org) or call 707-962-0470. Closes January 18.

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 w/ busy Real Estate office. Quickbooks exp. nec. Payroll A/R & A/P Hrly wage based on exp. Send reply to box 02090, c/o Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482-0749.

**Bookkeeper/ Receptionist. F/T.**  
 Send resume to P.O. Box 803, Redwood Valley, CA 95470

**CAREGIVER needed for Fri. & Sat. Minimum 5 hours per day. 489-6444**

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 Happy 80 yr. old lady. Free rent + \$1000/mo. Live in/Full or P/T. Time. Potter Valley house. (760)436-8282

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 Entry/Adv pos. in prison tx pgm in Solano. Exp w/crim. justice, grp/indiv. counsel. Fax resume 415-499-1912

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 Responsible for conditioning, filtering & priming beer. **Mendocino Brewing Company** 463-2022

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 Mon. thru Fri. 8-5 Must have good phone & customer service skills, as well as good spelling & typing skills. Excellent benefits. Must pass drug screening and background check. Application to be filled out at **Ukiah Daily Journal** 590 S. School St. Ukiah No phone calls please.

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**CONTROLLER \$60k -- \$80k for Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC),**  
 a N/P federally qualified health ctr w/\$18m budget & multiple sites in Mendo. & Lake Co. Will provide daily management of all acctg functions. Directly supervises staff of 7. Must possess at least B.S. in Business Admin. with a concentration in acctg. w/5yr+ exp. to incl. supervision. Health Care exp a+! MCHC offers exc. comp/bf/s pkg.

**For immed. consideration, send resume w/cover ltr. to HR Dept-MCHC 333 Laws Avenue Ukiah, CA 95482 Fax: (707) 468-0793 Email: [skenney@mchcinc.org](mailto:skenney@mchcinc.org) EEOE**  
**Cook, CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS. Ukiah**  
 \$14.76/hr Call Sue 707-463-2822

**Counselor Tapestry Family Services**  
 Support Counselor to work with children in innovative activity-based after-school program in Ukiah. Great team, excellent benefits. Min. AA degree & experience w/children in mental health or rehab setting. \$18 to \$21/hr. 463-3300 for app packet. Apply by 2/4/08.

**DRIVERS \$1000 HIRING BONUS**  
**Golden State Overnight F/T & P/T**  
 with insured, dependable van or pickup w/shell. Need clean DMV, pass drug test & background check. Openings **Bay-Area Wide!** 800-743-9970

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**Dental Assistant/RDA with Xray Lic.** Able to work in a fast paced office. Must be motivated. F/T. Competitive sal. & benefits. **Fax resume to 707-463-8632**

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR** for Mendocino Land Trust. See full job description at: [www.mendocinolandtrust.org](http://www.mendocinolandtrust.org) or call 707-962-0470. Closes January 25.

**Direct Care Work No Experience Needed!!**

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**DRIVER IMMEDIATE OPENINGS**  
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**FOSTER PARENT RECRUITER Tapestry Family Services**  
 Foster parent recruitment, training & support. 20hrs/wk. Req. strong comm. PR & org. skills. Great team, exc. bene. Sal neg DOE. 463-3300, ext 101 for app. Apply by 1/31/08

### 120 HELP WANTED

**Education UHS SCHOOLS**

Mild/Moderate Moderate/Severe Teachers UHS Schools is a non public special education school, providing K-12 education to students with emotional and developmental disabilities.

**Special Ed Teachers**  
 Current C-BEST, CSET, M/S cred. NCLB compliant, will consider if enrolled in a credentialing program

**Therapist UHS**  
 Schools is seeking licensed Therapist to work with Mild to Moderate developmentally disabled students at our non public school. Qualified candidates must be CA licensed MFT or LCSW. **Occupational Therapist**  
 Plan, organize, and conduct occupational therapy programs in the classroom, or community settings to help rehabilitate those impaired because of illness, injury or psychological or developmental problems. Qualified candidates must have valid OT License

**Speech Pathologist**  
 Provide svcs at various school sites to students w/communicative disorders, both individually and in small groups in areas of language development and speech therapy. Current CA license. Send your resume Elizabeth.albarran@uhsinc.com Fax to 909.783-2621

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### 120 HELP WANTED

**Eel River Fuels, Inc.** of Ukiah has immediate openings for 2 bobtail drivers, full-time w/benes. Preference is for class A w/endorsements.

**Applications** are also being accepted for one full time w/benes position to include A/P, new accounts, inventory and computer proram conversions.

**Apply in person at 3371 N. State, Ukiah**  
**ENROLL. DIRECTOR** for Pvt. Waldorf Sch. PT. Salary + ben. 485-8719

**ESTABLISHED INSPECTION COMPANY** located in the Bay Area seeking entry level NDE assistants. Benefits provided. Fax resume 707-747-4787

**Exp. & reliable**  
 carpenter for small kitchen remodel. Refs. req. 462-5325

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 \$10/hr 485-0864

**FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER.** PT possibly FT position for a rural health clinic. Mail resume to LCC PO Box 1978 Lucerne CA 95458

**Full Time Caregiver,** mental health facility. PT Various shifts **\$8-\$10/hr. 467-0911**

**Full-Time Teacher - John Muir Charter School @ California Conservation Corps, Ukiah.** \$58,484/ year plus benefits. Go to our website [www.johnmuircs.com](http://www.johnmuircs.com) or email us at [careers@johnmuircs.com](mailto:careers@johnmuircs.com) for more info.

**HUMBOLDT SUPERIOR COURT**  
 Job opportunity Family Court Mediator. 20hrs/wk, \$2,418-\$2,952/mo DOQ + benes MA+Lic + 2 yrs exp. Pay increases July 08 & 09 FBI/DOJ/ Background. Deadline: 5pm 2/11/08. For app & info call 707-269-1206 or email HR@humboldt-court.ca.gov

### 120 HELP WANTED

**INSTRUCTIONAL PARA TEMP LEAVE REPLACEMENT**  
 (up to 12 mos with possible extension) Special Education Exp. with children with severe disabilities preferred. **\$12.74-\$16.26/hr** 48 units or AA degree req. **Mendocino County Office of Education** [www.mcoe.us/jobs](http://www.mcoe.us/jobs) 467-5012, [hr@mcoe.us](mailto:hr@mcoe.us) DEADLINE: 1/28/08

**INSURANCE SECRETARY** needed for dental office. Responsible, organized and interested in helping people. Communication, computer skills and knowledge of dental terminology is a + but not req'd. Fax resume 463-8632

**Mendocino County, Health & Human Services Agency, Social Services Branch.** Currently recruiting for Ukiah: **Account Clerk II** For further info go to: [www.mss.ca.gov](http://www.mss.ca.gov) to "Career Opportunities" OR call the Job line: (707) 467-5866. Closes 2/1/08

**DEPT ANALYST II**  
 Mendocino County Current vacancy in the Department of Transportation \$3695-\$4493/Mo. Performs professional administrative & analytical functions BA in finance, accounting or related field & 2 yr exp. Apply by 02/12/08 to: HR Dept, 579 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707)463-4261, w/TDD (800)735-2929. [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr) EOE.

**JOURNEYMAN MECHANIC**  
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**LAND CONSERVATION PROJECT** and Stewardship Manager for Mendocino Land Trust. See full job description at: [www.mendocinolandrtrust.org](http://www.mendocinolandrtrust.org) or call 707-962-0470. Closes January 25.

**LVN Care Manager or Floor Nurse**  
Little Lake Health Center-F/T lic LVN. Competitive sal. DOE. Great benefits! Fax: 468-0793 [skenney@mchcinc.org](mailto:skenney@mchcinc.org) www.mchcinc.org

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**Part time LVN  
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People to work with developmentally disabled adults one on one in their own home. All Shifts available. Call **Mary 468-9326** or come by & pick up app. at 182 Thomas St. Ukiah

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City of  
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\$23.21-\$28.32 per hr. Dispatches police, fire and emergency personnel and performs a variety of general support work in assisting and maintaining police records, reports and files. Requires one year experience in dispatching or three years of clerical experience and education equivalent to completion of high school. Possession of a Public Safety Dispatcher POST Certificate is highly desirable. The job announcement listing qualifications and educational requirements and the city application can be obtained on our website at [www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us](http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us) or by calling the

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**POLICE DISPATCHER/CLERK** (\$2,436-\$2,961 DOQ) (will train) to perform dispatch/clerk services for the Clearlake Police Dept. Typing & computer skills desired.

Must pass background investigation, various tests and willing to work varied shifts.

Deadline: Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2008 at: City of Clearlake, Police Dept, 14050 Olympic Dr., Clearlake, CA 95422. Application and flyer may be obtained at the above address or by telephone: (707) 994-8251 ext. 316.

**EOE/ADA  
Prenatal Educators**  
MCHC's Little Lake & Lakeside Health Ctr. seek Prenatal Educators. P/T 1-yr perinatal exp. req. Bilingual a+ Fax: 707-468-0793 [skenney@mchcinc.org](mailto:skenney@mchcinc.org) www.mchcinc.org for job description.

**120 HELP  
WANTED****PROGRAM  
ASSISTANT  
Tapestry Family  
Services**

Provide support & transportation for children in foster care & after-school program. Exp. working with children. Great team. PT. \$11-\$14/hr start, DOE. 463-3300, ext. 101 for app. Apply by 1/31/08

**Quality Technician**  
Perform all chemical analysis, sample preparation, & quality control/assurance of incoming packaging materials & finished goods. AS in Chemistry or related field preferred, 3-5 yrs winery lab exp preferred. Knowledge of bottling & winery operations a plus. Strong analytical & problem solving skills, ability to develop & maintain effective working relationships w/ all levels of staff & outside contacts. Bilingual English/Spanish skills a plus. Ability to lift 40-70 lbs. Apply to Fetzner Vineyards, P.O. Box 611, Hopland, CA 95449, fax (707) 744-7606 or email [fetzerhr@b-f.com](mailto:fetzerhr@b-f.com). AA/EOE M/F/D/V

**Rapidly Growing  
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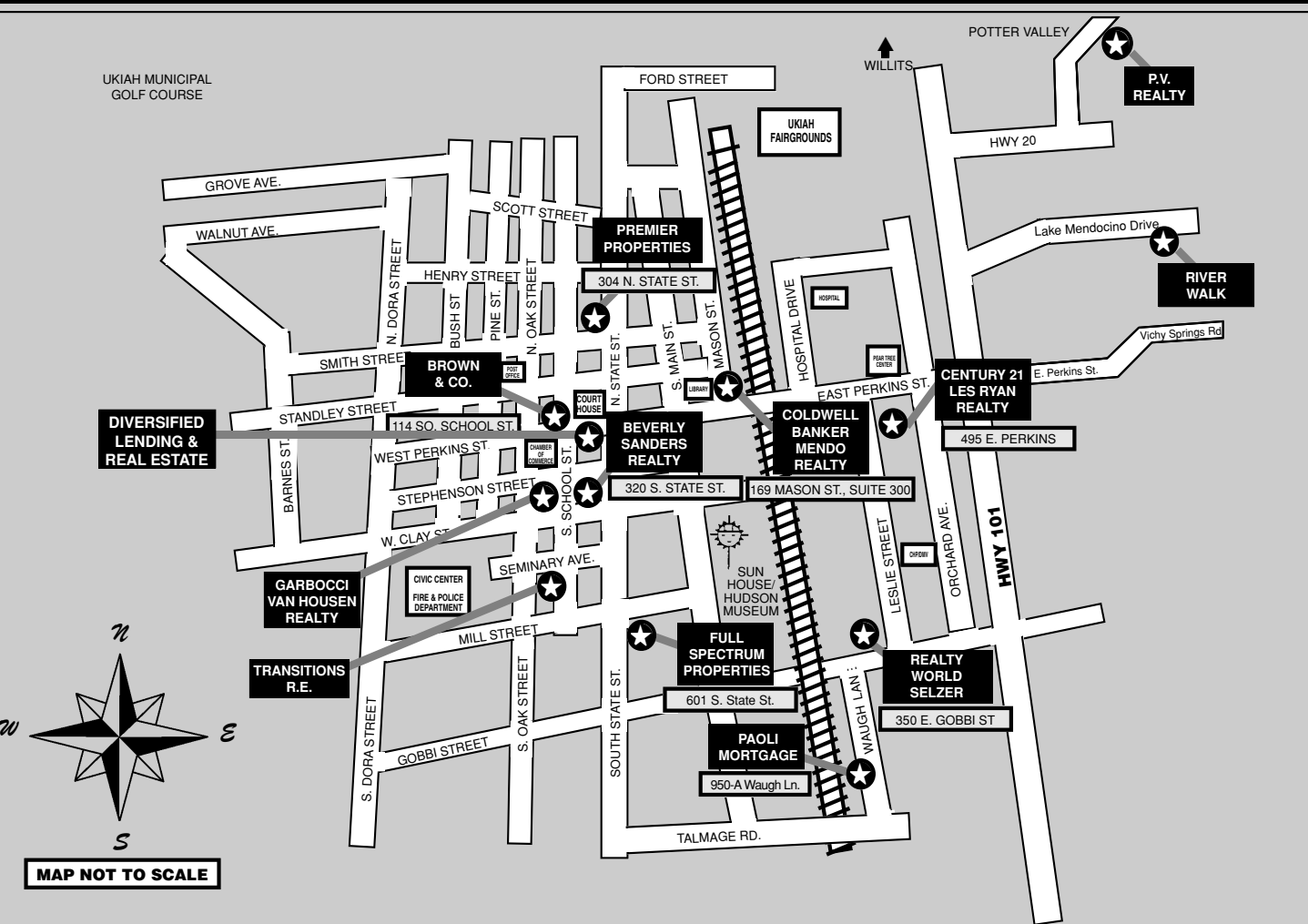
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**120 HELP WANTED**

**SOCIAL WORKER**  
Tapestry Family Services  
Social Worker for foster family agency serving children/youth. Grt team, sm caseload. MSW or MS/MA in related field. Clin. Sup avail. FT or PT. \$20 to \$24/hr + exc. bene. 463-3300, ext. 101 for app. Apply by 1/31/08.

**STATE PRESCHOOL TEACHER**  
\$13.39-\$17.09/hr  
**STATE PRESCHOOL TEACHER ASST**  
\$10.20-\$13.02/hr  
PT-4 hrs/da, 5 days/week, 10 mos/yr. One position to be filled at either level depending upon qualifications.  
Mendocino County Office of Education  
Visit [www.mcoe.us/jobs](http://www.mcoe.us/jobs) call 467-5012 or email [hr@mcoe.us](mailto:hr@mcoe.us)  
Deadline: 2/1/08

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COORDINATOR** - Central office, Nice, CA  
Native American Cash Assistance Program. For 16 counties in Northern/Central California. FT w/Benefits, salary negotiable. Closing 01/31/2008. Get application & job description at [www.ctcp.net](http://www.ctcp.net) or questions contact Jolene Crawford at 707-262-4400 ext 124 Fax to 707-274-8798 Completed resume & application. Indian hiring preference applies.

**Supported Living Program** needs care workers for persons w/dev. disabilities. P/T. \$9/hr. Must be fingerprinted. 463-8725. EOE

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**TLC Child & Family Services**  
seeks 2 additional homes for Shelter Care program  
Applicants need to have at least 1 spare bdrm to house a child for up to 30 days. Guaranteed monthly allotment. Generous increase upon placement. Income tax-exempt. Exp. with children req. Parents will receive training, + Social Worker, in-home support & respite. Need 1 or 2-parent homes, with 1 parent home full time. Home with no more than 1 biological child considered. Retirees invited to apply. **Contact TLC** 707-463-1100 Lic#236800869

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Ukiah Daily Journal  
590 S. School St.

**Distribution Driver**  
Must have clean DMV. Early AM's Mon-Fri & Sun. Pick up application at front desk or fax resume to 707-468-5780. For more information call 707-468-3534. FT/ Benefits package included.

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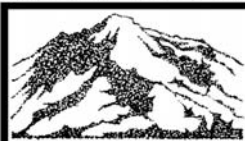
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